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THE PRESIDENT AND KANSAS AFFAIRS.

INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

REPLY OF PRESIDENT BUCHANAN.

The Speech of Governor Walker.

Washington, Aug. 18, 1857.

TO THE PRESIDENT ELECTED:

Gentlemen: On my recent return to this city, after a fortnight's absence, your unanimous, unbidden, and unexpected call upon me at my residence, to be present at a meeting of the people of Kansas, assembled in a primary capacity, to express their views upon the recent election of delegates to a Convention to form a State Constitution, was a source of high gratification to me.

I have always desired that the Constitution of Kansas should be submitted to the people, and I am glad that this has been done. I have also desired that the people should have a fair opportunity to vote for or against the slavery clause, and I am glad that this has been done. I have also desired that the election of delegates to the Convention should be conducted with entire fairness, and I am glad that this has been done. I have also desired that the Constitution, when framed, should be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection, and I am glad that this has been done. I have also desired that the people should have a fair opportunity to vote for or against the slavery clause, and I am glad that this has been done. I have also desired that the election of delegates to the Convention should be conducted with entire fairness, and I am glad that this has been done. I have also desired that the Constitution, when framed, should be submitted to the people for ratification or rejection, and I am glad that this has been done.

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THREE DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE

ARRIVAL OF THE VANDERBILT.

LATEST NEWS FROM INDIA

THE REBELS UNSUBDUED.

Effect of the Indian Troubles in England.

Large Sales of Cotton—Grain Lower—Consols 90 3-4.

The steamship *Vanderbilt*, Capt. EDWARD HOWLAND, arrived at this port yesterday afternoon, from Havre and Southampton. She brings London dates to Aug. 22, three days later than the *Atlantic's* news.

The *Vanderbilt* brings the unusually large number of 194 passengers, with $160,000 in specie and 1,100 bales of valuable merchandise. The *Ada* sailed from Southampton on the day the *Vanderbilt* left Southampton.

Throughout the passage, the *Vanderbilt* has encountered nearly westerly winds and heavy head seas, from which during the entire voyage.

On the 25th inst., in lat. 39° 32', long. 69° 10', encountered a severe storm with the American ship Queen of the West, from Liverpool for Boston, dismasted and waterlogged.

The steamer *Niagara* arrived at Liverpool on the morning of the 21st, and the *Arctic* at Cowes on the morning of the same day.

The steamship *Europa* arrived at Southampton at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 20th.

There is nothing decisive from the telegraphic despatches. The latest news is given in another column.

The Paris *Bourse* opened firm, but closed heavy, with a partial recovery.

Rumors that there is confirmation of the fall of Cawnpore, and a general massacre of Europeans, seem to be well credited.

The Queen left Osborne for Windsor Castle, on Thursday, Aug. 20.

Queen MARIA CHRISTINA was expected at Biarritz, and it was rumored that she was about to return to Spain, to be present at her daughter's accouchement, in October.

Admiral DUNDAS has taken up his residence in Paris.

Gen. SCHARTZOW VON DESSEWFFEL, one of the most distinguished officers in the Austrian service, 69 years of age, has blown out his brains through a disappointment in love.

The master and chief mate of the ship *Martin and Jane*, of Sunderland, have been sentenced at Liverpool for murdering ANDREW ROSS, a seaman, by continued ill-treatment and brutal usage.

The draft of the new Constitution for the Danish Duchies had been laid before the Holstein Estates. The Duchy of Holstein is to have a Legislature and Administration for its own special affairs. The Sovereign is to be represented by a Minister for the Duchies of Holstein and Lauenburg. No law is to be enacted, altered or annulled, without the consent of the Estates; but the resolutions of the Germania Diet may be promulgated in the Duchy of Holstein, in virtue of the Federal Constitution.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Drain upon England.

From the London Times, 22d.

It is a very natural but not a very politic course in the presence of a great danger, to forget that more serious danger may arise from what it means and suppressed them from the evil against which we are called upon immediately to combat. All energies are drawn, all resources are exhausted, to meet the one obvious and immediate peril. It is for the moment forgotten that *the concentration of energy upon one point may invite attack from other quarters*, and that the exhaustion consequent upon efforts above our strength may render us incapable of dealing with other attacks as we might have done had we husbanded our powers. Lord PALMERSTON urged this point with very considerable force last night upon the attention of the House of Commons, in answer to those gentlemen who pressed him to forward the reinforcements for India in our war steamers. The speech was worthy of the First Minister's great experience, and may be accepted as quite conclusive upon the point. Let us look at the present posture of affairs. We see a great military and naval establishment at the conclusion of the European War, when suddenly this Indian disaster comes upon us like a thunder-clap. The natural consequence has been that, in order to forward to India the necessary reinforcements, we have been compelled to denude those establishments—the seat of empire—and even to withdraw regiments from many of our colonial possessions. As to our colonies, so long as the supremacy of England remains intact any evil which may affect them can be but of a transitory nature.

The main difficulty once settled in Bengal, we could quickly turn round and make short work with lesser offenders. For the moment, then, we would confine ourselves to the military position of these islands. It is no secret that very shortly the number of regular troops retained at home will be of the most insignificant character. In order to fill up the vacancies, persons have been taken to call out 10,000 of the militia. In case of emergency these young soldiers would, no doubt, gallantly rally round their country in defence of their native land, as their fathers have fought before them with less training under their banners than they will have received. By thousands lovies of armed men could be gathered from the country districts and from the towns, and these could in a few weeks be taught all that it was most important for them to know. We do not, however, wish to be thrown upon any of these heroic efforts which, however creditably they may figure in the pages of history, press somewhat severely upon those whose energies are taxed for their performance. What, then, remains? We must, for the moment, trust for the defence of our shores to the same machinery which has so long preserved them unpolluted from the tread of the foreign invader—that is, to the Navy. Now, the most efficient—indeed, the only efficient—portion of the Navy for war purposes at sea, under the improved systems of navigation, is the steam fleet. It would, therefore, be highly impolitic, in a moment of enthusiasm, to despatch our principal war steamers as transports to the other side of the globe. We could not, if we did so, hope to find them within reach in case any fresh difficulty should occur of a more serious character than our depot Mutiny.

In saying these words, and in calling attention to the very unpalatable language in which the First Minister expressed his views upon this point last night, we would not be taken as alarmists. The chance of incurring such a reproach must not, however, prevent us from advocating those salutary measures of precaution which appear absolutely necessary, if we would maintain Great Britain free from even the possibility of harm. We do not, indeed, any longer believe in invasion, or in the success of them. If we have derived no other advantage from the Russian War, at least the history of the barbarous in the Crimea has given us a *chronic fact as to the powers of the spade in defensive warfare*. It cheers us to hear, at the present crisis, that every man in the country, at the slightest danger of a very serious character in consequence of possible changes in the position even of possible changes in the constitution, of the several Governments. It cannot, for example, be denied that the stability of European policy at the present moment appears to rest upon that *single life* which represents the hearty alliance between France and England. We, in common with all whose interests are involved in the tranquility of Europe, have every reason to hope that the life of the Emperor of the French may be long preserved, but still mortality has but a frail tenure of it at best. Come what may, a nation so powerful as England can have nothing to fear, but it is prudent to be prepared against all contingencies. Nothing, then, could be more impolitic than to weaken the naval defences of the country by dispatching a considerable section of our steam fleet to a distant quarter of the globe at the very time we are under the absolute necessity of draining these islands of trained troops. Nor is this drain merely a temporary one—it must continue for a considerable period, even when the mutiny in Bengal has been subdued. Whatever may be the decision at which we may ultimately arrive with regard to the reorganization of the Bengal Army, in is quite clear *that for the next three or four years a very large European force must be* maintained in that portion of *British India*. During this period we shall be called upon to supply not only the *deficiency* caused by the annual mortality inseparable from the ordinary employment of European troops in so sultry a region, but we fear that this usual and natural deficiency will be greatly increased by the character of the service which these troops will be called upon to perform until the disturbed districts have been thoroughly pacified. It is perfectly true that the financial burden will be cast upon the Indian Exchequer; but it is also true that recruiting cannot be pushed beyond a certain point without serious disturbance of the labor-market at home. On any great emergency we doubt not England would rise equal to the occasion, but, meanwhile, *the army* must re-establish our rule in the North-Western Provinces of India, and the navy must guard our shores, and impart to the power of England its due weight in the councils of Europe and of the world.

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If however might have been the case at the commencement of the Russian war, its conclusion found England armed with a power which was just beginning to appreciate itself—with energy unwarped, with spirit unflagging, and eager to continue the contest. The same assertion could not be made with truth of any other nation which took part in the struggle. Still we may trust that our economists, warned by the experience of the past, may henceforward appreciate the great truth that their theories may be as misplaced with reference to the military establishments of a great nation as to the conduct of a private business. True economy is that which procures the greatest results at the smallest expense, not as a given moment only, but when subjected to the test of years.

Lord Palmerston on the Indian Force.

In the Indian debate in the Commons on the 20th, Lord PALMERSTON said:

My honorable friend the Under-Secretary of State for War has explained generally the points of detail which have been referred to in the course of the debate. I can only repeat what he has said, that in framing the measure of the militia which we have introduced, I think it expedient to embody, by the same kind of machinery not to call out more if circumstances should render it expedient to do so. However, recruiting has gone on with great success in spite of the harvest, and we entertain no doubt that when the operations incident to the period of the year are completed, the number enrolled will very rapidly increase, and we shall within a very limited period be able to place in the ranks a number of men equal to that which has been sent to India. My honorable and gallant friend, the member for Westmoreland, opposed to-night a very natural suggestion, which was made on a previous occasion, that these troops should be sent to India to serve for a limited time, which could easily be effected by the same means which have been employed by a small force, and would carry a large number of men with convenience and dispatch. In the first instance such an arrangement may appear to be very advantageous, but I would request the House to bear in mind other considerations in regard to the amount of our military force at home which have been very forcibly dwelt upon. We were induced to ask, and have been compelled to dispatch to distant shores a large portion of the military force for which we asked, and which Parliament granted, and we should not be justified in the country in time of peace and of profound peace, as it may be said, "By so doing you have greatly weakened your defensive means at home, and foreign countries may take advantage of your weakness, and either hold language which you ought not to bear or do things to which you ought not to submit." The answer which I gave to that the people of this country would not endure conduct of that sort, and that if an emergency should require it men would be raised rapidly and upon the sudden. That very consideration, however, shows how inexpedient it would be to send to the other and of the world the greater portion of our naval force. [Hear, Hear.] Because, although these steam line-of-battle ships are, it is true, lying in ordinary and of no immediate use, yet if any of those events should occur we should want suddenly to put to sea a large fleet, and how could we do that if the ships which we should require were doing duty as transports in the Indian Seas? Therefore I think that prudence shows that the despatch of those ships to the East would have been a very inexpedient course. In fact, it would have been falling into the error which the great orator of Greece imputed to the Persians. He said: "When you strike a blow at one part of them they put forth their hand to that part and leave exposed every other, which may be struck in turn. Do not, you Athenians, follow so unwise and foolish an example." I think that we should have fallen into an error of the same kind if we had sent to India the fleet which circumstances occurring in Europe might, at short notice, render necessary for our defence at home. [Hear, Hear.]

Caste in the Indian Army.

In the Lords, on the 21st, the Earl of SHAFTESBURY moved for the production of a paper of very great importance at the present moment. I allude to a document which has appeared in one of the evening papers, containing a circular order of Sir HENRY BOMBAY, the General Commanding-in-Chief at Bombay, in which he prescribes certain rules for enlistment, and declares it to be indispensable that no low caste man should be admitted into the ranks of the native army when others can be obtained, inasmuch as the ill-feeling they are merely equal in stamina to their better caste neighbors, and are generally deficient in that pride and soldierlike feeling which it is our duty to inculcate as essential to the well-being of the native army." I should say that this order was issued some days before the general outbreak, and that as soon as it was issued it was cancelled by the local Government. I think it very desirable that a copy of that document should be laid on the table of this House, in order that we may see what has been the course of conduct of the regimental officers and the commanding officers with reference to that which has at the root of the mutiny in the Bengal army. I believe that all persons acquainted with India would admit that nothing has tended more to laxity of conduct and discipline, to foster a spirit of mutiny in the Bengal army and to make the troops proud, conceited, arrogant and insolent to the proper leaders and duty imposed on all other soldiers than this homage that has been paid to Brahminical caste. I must say the disclosures made in the papers lately laid before this House are sufficient to turn us of the evils of pandering to the vanities and bigotry and religious prejudices of the Hindoos. [Hear, hear.]

Lord GRANVILLE replied:

The noble Earl has expressed his belief that a great deal of the mischief which has arisen is attributable to the attention and respect paid to the religious prejudices of the Hindoos. I have no doubt that in some instances mistakes of this kind may have been made, but it is quite clear that mistakes have also been made in the opposite direction, and I think, both for the maintenance of our power in India and for the interest of the Christian religion, it is the duty of the Government to remain as neutral as possible with regard to religious questions. [Hear, hear.] The noble Earl has asked me to give an assurance as to the mode in which the Bengal army shall in future be levied; but, whatever may be my opinions on the subject, I think it would be presumptuous on my part, after the direful experience we have had of the necessity of looking at the question in every light, to give any distinct pledge as to the manner in which the Indian armies shall in future be organized.

French Refugees in England.

In the House of Commons, on the 21st—

Mr. W. WILLIAMS asked the First Lord of the Treasury whether there was any truth in the rumor that, in compliance with an application of the Government of France, the Government of this country would expel some of the French refugees who had sought an asylum in this country?

Lord PALMERSTON.—My answer is, in the first place, that no such application has been received from the Government of France; and, in the next place, something like the excuse of a village for not ringing their bells in the time of CHARLES II, that they had no bells to ring—that we have no power by law to grant such application. (Cheers and laughter.)

The Slave Trade in Cuba.

In the Commons, on the 21st, Sir G. PECHELL inquired of the First Lords of the Admiralty whether any additional vessels, including gun-boats, had been sent to the West India station for service on the coast of Cuba.

Sir C. WOOD was understood to say that as soon as Parliament had voted the necessary number of men he had ordered forty gun-boats to be ready for service off the coast of Cuba, and that two of those vessels would be ready for sea in a few days.

TURKEY.

The Danubian Principalities—Secret of the Present Complication.

Bucharest Correspondence of the London Times.

I have often had to attack diplomacy in the East. It is a mockery to send a parcel of gentlemen several hundreds or thousands of miles from home, nominally to protect the interests of the countries which they represent, but in reality to embroil their affairs, merely to satisfy an inordinate vanity, which devours every one of them. None of the questions which arise are ever regarded on their own merits, but only as a new battle-field for the glorification of these gentlemen. They find means to complicate the simplest thing, and invent difficulties where none exist. Everything is turned into a personal affair, and all the jealousy and acute self-love of the individual brought there on matters of public interest. The Governments at home thus receive, instead of impartial reports, the strongly-biased representations of their agents, and are thus drawn, unwittingly, into difficulties which might have been avoided with a little care.

The present complication is of this kind, and it is high time that the Governments should take it into their own hands. The question, if looked upon impartially, and not through the vanity of jealous Ambassadors and Ministers, seems simple enough.

A firman has been issued by the Porte, in connection with the six Powers who signed the Treaty of Paris, ordering the convocation of a Divan in each of the two Danubian provinces. The firman is identical in its wording for both; indeed, in the official communication made of this document to the representatives of these Powers, the firman is addressed to the Kaimakan of Wallachia, and at the end of it it is expressly stated that an identical firman is to be addressed to the Kaimakan of *Moldavia*. In the application of this firman in Wallachia it is found that a number of points are left doubtful, and the Kaimakan of Wallachia, supported by the Commissioners, applies to the authors of the firman at Constantinople for explanation. A Conference meets, and decides that the Commissioners should explain the doubtful points, and send their explanation to the Kaimakan of Moldavia. This latter rejects their explanations as unnecessary, and applies his own interpretation, according to which the neighbors of electors is diminished, and persons left out of the list who, if the interpretation of the Commissioners had been followed, would have had the right of voting. *The question now arises*, is the order of the Conference to communicate the explanations made by the Commissioners to the Kaimakan of Moldavia to be considered as binding for the latter, or not? All the Commissioners understood it in that sense, so did the representatives of France, Russia, Prussia and Sardinia at Constantinople. The Turkish Government and the British and Austrian Ambassadors, on the other hand, maintain that they meant the communication merely for the information of the Kaimakan, in case he should have doubts.

I leave this question to the good sense of English people to decide, whether a document given in the same words for two countries, for the same purpose, and at the same moment, is to be explained in both in the same way or not; and surely the Government ought to find no difficulty in doing it in a few words. With Ambassadors common sense has no weight. Having once said that they understood it in one particular sense, they would think they compromised their dignity, if they yielded one step, and they don't care if the result of their obstinacy is an embroilment.

The other question is even simpler than this. A number of petitions have come from Moldavia complaining that the local Government there has two-pence with the election laws, and has thus illegally filled the Divan, which will no longer be an expression of the opinion of the country. Many of the Commissioners are convinced by these complaints, and the French Government, Count Ambassador at Constantinople, share this conviction, and have thus Governments adopting their views, protest against the Divan as illegally elected. The other three Commissioners are not convinced that such a falsification has taken place, and their views are shared by their Governments. When can common cause dispute in such a case but an inquiry on the spot to ascertain which is the right view of the two? Instead of this, with the exception of the British Commissioner, both parties stick to their views, each party refusing the inquiry, which, were they sincere in their assertions, they ought most to desire for their own cause.

It was rumored in Paris that Lord STRATFORD DE REDCLIFFE would be recalled from Constantinople, and probably be succeeded by Lord HOWDEN, the English Ambassador at Madrid.

A telegraphic dispatch from Constantinople announces that the Sultan has communicated to those European Ambassadors who had suspended relations with the Porte, that he is occupied in the formation of his new Ministry, and that until the Cabinet should be constructed diplomatic intercourse could not be resumed.

INDIA.

Confirmation of the Fall of Cawnpore—Delhi Still Held by the Rebels.

The *Times* of the 22d has the following latest news:

"ALEXANDRIA, Aug. 14, 9 P. M.

The *Sutlej* arrived at Suez to-day. She brings dates from Calcutta to the 21st July; Madras, 26th July; Galle, 29th July; Aden, 8th inst.

The telegraphic message from Suez is meagre and confused, and there is not time to receive explanations before the departure of the steamer *Ecretia* for Malta.

It is stated that Delhi is not taken, but the date is not given.

General BARNARD is reported to have died from dysentery.

The news given in the Bombay *Times* of the 14th of July by last mail, respecting the taking of CAWNPORE by the rebels and the massacre of the Europeans there, is confirmed.

The Suez telegraphic message then goes on to say as follows:

Simoom and *Himalaya* arrived at Calcutta with about 1,500 of Queen's troops, to proceed at once to the country. Only 500 more troops expected, Gen. HAVELOCK's forces.* Rebels being on three occasions defeated and several guns taken, between Allahabad and CAWNPORE; the latter retaken from NANA SAHIB, whom HAVELOCK is following up the Bhitoor† about ten miles.

Sir HENRY LAWRENCE died of wounds received in a sortie from Lucknow, where at present all is well.

All the troops in Oude mutinied.

Agra all quiet. Native troops disarmed.

Gwalior Contingent mutinied. Supposed to have marched on Indore.

No political China news given.

The Transit Government steamer totally lost in the Straits of Sunda. Crew and troops all arrived at Suez to-day.

This telegraph received from Acting Consul-General GREEN at Alexandria for the Earl of CLARENDON.

CONSUL CRAIG.

It was said in London that a plan had been submitted to the Board of Control and the India House, for establishing a postal communication with India *via* Astrakan and Persia.

The European and Indian Junction Telegraph Company is about to be carried out from Bagdad northward.

* This is probably Havelock. † Probably Bithoor.

RUSSIA.

The Russians were said to have been defeated on the banks of the Kuban; they lost six guns and sixty-four pack-horses. It is said that SCHAMYL with 25,000 Circassians had also defeated the Russian army, which attempted to dislodge him from the banks of a river commanding some passes. After a battle which lasted ten hours the Russians were driven across the river. Several fortified places, built by the Russians at great cost for the maintenance of their communications, fell into SCHAMYL's hands.

PERSIA.

Dispatches from Teheran had been received at the Foreign Office in Paris. The news of the Bengal mutiny had produced a profound sensation in Persia. Fearing disturbance, the Shah had determined not to reduce his army for the present.

By telegraph from Trieste, we learn that Mr. MURRAY had demanded from Persia the immediate evacuation of Herat.

AFRICA.

Intelligence from Tunis of the 13th announces that a sanguinary disturbance took place three days before against the Jews, and even the Christians were menaced. Several persons were killed, and the English Consul insulted. Military measures of repression were adopted, but not until some grave disasters had taken place.

The dissensions in the Greek Church in Syria and Egypt appear to be as angry as ever.

Official confirmation had been received in England of the murders of the African travelers, Dr. VOGEL and Corporal MAGUIRE, Royal Engineers. Dr. VOGEL was beheaded by order of the Sultan, Corporal MAGUIRE, R. E., was murdered by a party of Tuaricks some six marches to the North of Kuka. Appreciating danger, he had traced a few lines in pencil to our Vice-Consul at Murzuk, requesting him, in the event of his death, to discharge a small sum due to his people. The gallant fellow made a desperate defence, and dispatched several of his murderers before he fell. The melancholy events tend strongly to confirm the opinion that no profitable commerce can be opened with Central Africa over the Desert from Tunis or Tripoli. The true way must be by means of its great rivers—the Nile, the Niger and the Zambesi.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, Friday, Aug. 21.

LATEST.—The *Brokers' Circular* quotes a very good demand throughout the week, and prices of the current qualities of American had advanced ¾d.@3-16d. The market closed firm, with sales, on Friday, of 10,000 bales, including 2,000 on speculation and for export. The sales of the week were 77,540 bales, including 17,070 to speculators, and 6,100 for export. The imports of the week were 29,190 bales. The following are the authorized quotations: Fair Orleans, 9d.; Middling Orleans, 8 1-16d. Fair Mobiles, 8¾d.; Middling Mobiles, 8¼d. Fair Uplands, 8¾d.; Middling Uplands, 8 7-16d.

Liverpool Breadstuffs Market.

The *Brokers' Circular* says WHEAT has met with a slow sale. Prime qualities of White must be noted 14.@ 2d. @ 70 lbs. dearer. Inferior sorts without change. FLOUR is 6d. @ h. dearer. INDIAN CORN slow, and rather easier.

RICHARDSON BROS. quote WHEAT steady and unchanged, without much business. FLOUR is sparingly dealt in, and useful sorts of barrels and sacks could not be sold without submitting to a reduction of 6d.@1s., and then the sales were very limited. INDIAN CORN dull, at a decline of 6d. for mixed; other sorts supported nearly former rates.

Messrs. RICHARDSON, SPENCE & Co. say Tuesday's prices are nominally continued.

Messrs. BIGLAND, ATHYA & Co. quote FLOUR dull, and 6d. lower; WHEAT dull, and 2d.@3d. lower; CORN dull, and declined 6d.

Liverpool Provision Market.

Messrs. BIGLAND, ATHYA & Co. quote BEEF heavy, and inferior qualities declined 1s. PORK steady. BACON steady. TALLOW declined 2s.; quoted 42s.6d.@43s.

Liverpool Produce Market.

The *Brokers' Circular* quotes SUGAR flat, and is lower, though towards the close a firmer feeling was observable. No sales of MOLASSES—the market continuing depressed. *COFFEE steady. RICE languid at previous rates.* TEA firm. COMMON CONGOU is. 9d. INDIGO advanced 6d @ 9d. on London July sales. ROSIN in good demand at 4s. 5d.@4s. 6d. for Common. ASHES 42s.@43s. OILS without important change. SPIRITS OF TURPENTINE brought 35s.@35s. 9d.

THE ASTOR LIBRARY.—The Astor Library, after being closed a month for repairs and additions to the building, was opened again to the public on Tuesday. An enlargement of the Superintendent's room has been the principal alteration made. About 1,000 new books, some of rare value, have been added to the library during the month. The total number of books now in the Library is about 97,000. Meantime the work upon the new building adjacent, the donation of WM. B. ASTOR, Esq., is pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

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INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

THE PRESIDENT AND KANSAS AFFAIRS.

The Memorial of Professor Hillman and Forty-two Others.

REPLY OF PRESIDENT BUCHANAN.

Amount in the Treasury—The Naval Courts of Inquiry—Decisions by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The following is the memorial of Professor HILLMAN and forty-two others of Connecticut, addressed to His Excellency JAMES BUCHANAN, the President of the United States:

The undersigned, citizens of the United States and Electors of the State of Connecticut, respectfully offer to your Excellency their memorial. The fundamental principles of the Constitution of the United States, and of our political institutions is, that the people shall make their own laws, and elect their own rulers. We see with grief, if not with astonishment, that Governor WALKER, of Kansas, openly represents and proclaims that the President of the United States is employing through him (WALKER) an army, the purpose of which is to force the people of Kansas to obey laws not their own nor of the United States, but laws which it is notorious and established upon evidence they never made, and rulers they never elected.

We represent, therefore, that by the foregoing your Excellency is openly held up and proclaimed to the great derogation of our national character as violating in its most essential particular the solemn oath which the President has taken to support the Constitution of this Union. We call attention, further, to the fact your Excellency is in like manner held up to this nation, to all mankind, and to all posterity, in the attitude of "levying war against a portion of the United States" by employing arms in Kansas to uphold a body of men and a code of enactments purporting to be legislative, but which never had the election, nor sanction, nor consent of the people of the Territory. We earnestly represent to your Excellency that we, also, have taken the oath to obey the Constitution, and your Excellency may rest assured that we shall not refrain from the prayer that Almighty God will make your Administration an example of justice and beneficence, and with this terrible majesty protect our people and our Constitution.

THE PRESIDENT'S ANSWER.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15, 1857.

GENTLEMEN: On my recent return to this city, after a fortnight's absence, your memorial, without date, was placed in my hands through the agency of Mr. HORATIO KING, of the Post-Office Department, to whom it had been intrusted. From the distinguished source whence it proceeds, as well as its peculiar character, I have deemed it proper to depart from my general rule in such cases, and to give it an answer.

You first assert that "the fundamental principle of the Constitution of the United States, and of our political institutions is, that the people shall make their own laws and elect their own rulers." You then express your grief that I should have violated this principle, and, through Governor WALKER, have employed an army, "one purpose of which is to force the people of Kansas to obey laws not their own, nor of the United States, but laws which, it is notorious and established upon evidence, they never made, and rulers they never elected: and as a corollary from the foregoing you represent that I am "openly held up and proclaimed to the great derogation of our national character as violating in its most essential particular the solemn oath which the President has taken to support the Constitution of this Union." These are heavy charges proceeding from gentlemen of your high character, and if well-founded ought to consign my name to infamy. But in proportion to their gravity, common justice, to say nothing of Christian charity, required that before making them, you should have clearly ascertained that they were well-founded.

If not they will rebound with withering condemnation upon their authors. Have you performed this preliminary duty towards the man who, however unworthy, is the Chief Magistrate of your country? If so, either you or I are laboring under a strange delusion. Should this prove to be your case, it will present a memorable example of the truth that political prejudice is blind even to the existence of the plainest and most palpable historical facts. To these facts let us refer. When I entered upon the duties of the Presidential office on the 4th of March last, what was the condition of Kansas?

This Territory had been organized under the act of Congress of the 30th of May, 1854, and the Government in all its branches was in full operation. A Governor, Secretary of the Territory, Chief Justice, two Associate Justices, a Marshal and District-Attorney, had been appointed by my predecessor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and were all engaged in discharging their respective duties. A code of laws had been enacted by the Territorial Legislature, and the Judiciary were employed in expounding and carrying those laws into effect.

It is quite true that a controversy had previously arisen respecting the validity of the election of the members of the Territorial Legislature, and of the laws passed by them, but at the time I entered upon my official duties Congress had recognized this Legislature in different forms and by different enactments. The delegate elected to the House of Representatives under a Territorial law had just completed his term of service on the day previous to my inauguration. In fact I found the government of Kansas as well established as that of any other Territory. Under these circumstances, what was my duty? Was it not to sustain this *government*? To protect it from the violence of lawless men who were determined either to rule or ruin? In the language of the Constitution to "take care that the laws be faithfully executed." It was for this purpose, and for this alone, that I ordered a military force to Kansas, to act as a posse *comitatus* in aiding the civil magistrate to carry the laws into execution. The condition of the Territory at the time, which I need not portray, rendered this precaution absolutely necessary. In this state of affairs, would I not have been justly condemned had I left the Marshal, and other officers of a like character, impotent to execute the process and judgments of the Courts of Justice, established by Congress, or by the Territorial Legislature, under its express authority, and thus have suffered the Government itself to become an object of contempt in the eyes of the people? And yet this is what you designate as forcing "the people of Kansas to obey the laws, not their own nor of the United States," and for doing which you have denounced me as having violated my solemn oath.

I ask what else could I have done, or ought I to have done? Would you have desired that I should abandon the Territorial Government, sanctioned as it had been by Congress, to illegal violence, and thus renew the scenes of civil war and bloodshed which every patriot in the country had deplored? This would indeed have been to violate my oath of office, and to fix a damning blot on the character of my Administration.

I most cheerfully admit that the necessity for sending a military force to Kansas to aid in the execution of the civil law, reflects no credit upon the character of our country. But let the blame fall upon the heads of the guilty. Whence did this necessity arise? A portion of the people of Kansas, unwilling to trust to the ballot-box, the certain American remedy for redress of all grievances, undertook to create an independent Government for themselves.

Had this attempt proved successful, it would of course have subverted the existing Government provided and recognized by Congress, and substituted a revolutionary Government in its stead. This was subversion of the most character as it would be for a portion of the people of Connecticut, to undertake to establish a separate Government within the chartered limits, for the purpose of redressing any grievance, real or imaginary, of which they might have complained against the legitimate Government. Such a principle, if carried into execution, would destroy all lawful authority and produce universal anarchy. I ought to specify more particularly a condition of affairs which I have only mentioned in general terms, requiring the presence of a military force in Kansas.

The Congress of the United States had most wisely declared it to be the true intent and meaning of the act,—the act organizing the Territory,—not to legislate Slavery into any Territory, nor to exclude it therefrom, but to leave it to the people thereof, perfectly free to form and regulate their domestic institutions in their own way, subject only to the Constitution of the United States. As a natural consequence, Congress has also prescribed by the same act that when the Territory of Kansas shall be admitted as a State, it shall be received into the Union with or without Slavery, as their Constitution may prescribe at the time of their admission. Slavery existed at that period, and still exists in Kansas under the Constitution of the United States. This point has at last been decided by the highest tribunal known to our laws. How it could ever have been seriously doubted is a mystery. It is a confederation of sovereign States acquire a new territory at the expense of their common blood and treasure, and only one set of the parties can have no rights to extend the other those its enjoyment, by prohibiting them taking into it whatever is recognized to be property by a common constitution. But, when the people, the *bona fide* residents of such Territory, proceed to frame a State Constitution, then it is their right to decide the important question for themselves, whether they will countenance, modify or abolish Slavery. To them, and to them alone, does this question belong, free from all foreign interference. In the opinion of the Territorial Legislature of Kansas, the time had arrived for entering the Union, and they accordingly passed a law to elect delegates for the purpose of framing a State Constitution.

This law was fair and just in its provisions. It conferred the right of suffrage upon every *bona fide* inhabitant of the Territory, and for the purpose of preventing fraud and the intrusion of citizens of near or distant States, most properly confined this right to those who had resided therein three months previous to the election. Here a fair opportunity was presented for all qualified resident citizens of the Territory, to whatever organization they might have previously belonged, to participate in the election, and to express their opinions at the ballot-box on the question of Slavery; but members of lawless men still continued to resist the Territorial Government. They refused either to be recognized at vote, and numbers of the Convention were elected legally and properly without their intervention. The Convention will soon assemble to perform the great duty for framing a Constitution for themselves and their posterity, and, in the case of incipient rebellion against, still exists in Kansas, it is my imperative duty to employ the troops of the United States. Should this become necessary in defending the Convention against violence whilst framing the Constitution, and in protecting the *bona fide* inhabitants qualified to vote under the provisions of this instrument in the free exercise of the rights of suffrage, when it shall be submitted to them for their approbation or rejection. I have entire confidence in Gov. WALKER that the troops will not be employed except to resist actual aggression, or in the execution of the laws, and then not until the power of the civil magistrate shall prove unavailing. Following the wise example of Mr. MADISON towards the Hartford Convention, illegal and dangerous combinations such as that of the Topeka Convention, will not be disturbed unless they shall attempt to perform some act which will bring them into a deal collision with the Constitution and the laws, and in that event they shall be resisted and put down by the whole power of the Government. In performing this duty I shall have the approbation of my own conscience, and as I humbly trust of my God. I thank you for the assurance that you will not refrain from prayer that Almighty God will make my Administration an example of justice and beneficence.

You can greatly assist me in arriving at this blessed consummation by exerting your influence in allaying the existing sectional excitement on the subject of slavery, which has been productive of much evil and no good, and which if it could succeed in attaining its object, would ruin the slave as well as his master. This would be a work of genuine philanthropy.

Every day of my life I feel how inadequate I am to perform the duty of my high station, without the continued support of Divine Providence; yet, placing my trust in Him, and in Him alone, I entertain a good hope that He will enable me to do equal justice to all portions of the Union, and thus render me an humble instrument in restoring peace and harmony among the people of the several States.

Yours very respectfully,

JAMES BUCHANAN.

The net amount in the Treasury subject to draft is $19,500,000; of which there are in New-York nearly nine and one-third millions; at Philadelphia, two millions and two-thirds, and at New-Orleans, over a million and a half.

Assistant Postmaster-General DUNDAS will shortly proceed to New-York to make arrangements for facilitating the transportation of the overland mail to California.

The Naval Courts of Inquiry will resume their sessions next Monday. The first consists of Commodore LAVALLETTE, and Captains MERCER and ADAMS. The second of Captains MCKEAN, POPE and VAN BRUNT, and the third of Commodores STORER and STRINGHAM, and Capt GOLDSBOROUGH.

The Secretary of the Treasury has, on appeal, affirmed the assessment of a duty of 15 per centum on chlorate of potash and sal acetosella, 19 per centum on refined borax, 24 per centum on filberts, and 4 per centum on sumac.

The Attorney-General has decided adversely to the extraordinary claims of HAYWOOD, the late Marshal of Utah, more than $30,000 of which were for conveying the Judges of the Territory to and from the places of holding the Courts. The expenses for numerous guards, horses, wagons and provisions, were not those of the ministerial officers. The Attorney-General states that the expenses of a Judge on his way to the Court are his own.

Meeting of the Canal Board.

TRANSFER OF THE CANAL DEPOSITS—DEFICIENCY IN THE CANAL FUND, ETC.

ALBANY, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The Canal Board held a meeting to-day, the first in several weeks. The Comptroller, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Engineer, and Canal Commissioners WHALON and SHERRILL were present.

The rate of Canal tolls on stave bolts and butts was fixed at one mill and three-tenths.

The Canal deposits which have formerly been made at the Reciprocity and Hollister banks, at Buffalo, were ordered to be transferred as follows: One-half to the Marine bank, one-fourth to the Manufacturers and Traders bank, and one-fourth to the Bank of Attica.

The tolls formerly deposited with the Ontario Bank were to be transferred to the Oneida Bank.

Important communications were laid before the Board by the Auditor, showing the present condition of the Canal Fund. The Auditor states that the fund for the payment of the interest on the Canal Debt will be exhausted after the payment of the October interest, and that $700,000 must be raised on the credit of the Sinking Fund in January to pay the interest on that debt for 1858.

The Committee appointed to investigate the charges against the Albany Collector, reported that they found some of the charges substantiated.

A large amount of other business was also done.

The Contracting Board did not meet in consequence of the illness of Canal Commissioner PITKEVOR. It is expected that this Board will make several removals of Canal Engineers to-morrow.

Vermont State Election.

MONTPELIER, Vt., Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Returns of the election come in slowly. So far as heard from 47 Republicans are elected and seven Democrats. The vote for Governor in some of the principal towns is as follows:

Woodstock—Fletcher, Republican, 317; Keyes, Democrat, 54.

Hartford—Fletcher, 339; Keyes, 75.

Bradford—Fletcher, 198; Keyes, 92.
St. Johnsbury—Fletcher, 369; Keyes, 128.
Windsor—Fletcher, 168; Keyes, 94.
Springfield—Fletcher, 448; Keyes, 72.
Brattleboro'—Fletcher, 481; Keyes, 182.
Bellows Falls—Fletcher, 248; Keyes, 69.
Westfield—Fletcher, 201; Keyes, 201.
Swanton—Fletcher, 139; Keyes, 115.
St. Albans—Fletcher, 630; Keyes, 199.

The vote is very light compared with last year, but the Republican majority is about comparatively equal.

MONTPELIER, Wednesday, Sept. 2—7 P. M.

Sixty-seven towns have elected 56 Republican Representatives and 11 Democrats.

The vote in 40 towns, for Governor, stands as follows: FLETCHER, 7,599; KEYES, 4,612.

The votes in 20 additional towns heard from foot up for FLETCHER, 3,966; and for KEYES, 1,668.

United States Agricultural Exhibition.

THIRD DAY.

LOUISVILLE, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Thirty-two young horses were exhibited to-day. They were very superior, particularly the stallions. There have been large additions to the fruit and machinery departments. The latter is very large, containing very valuable machines, and the exhibition is in every way superior to the previous days. The attendance to-day is estimated at 12,000 to 15,000. The weather is fine. A letter from Vice-President FILLMORE says he will be here on Friday.

The Mason-Fuller-ne Mission.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The first contest between *Fire Tongs* and *Lion* of Hill-first came off to-day. The conditions were: Hill-hands, best two in three, with *Fire Tongs* 12 inches and *Lion* 10 inches under the hands. The following are the results: First, *Fire Tongs*; second, *Lion*; third, *Mason's Samson*; and fourth, *Bill Nye*. Time, 2:20 and 2:27. Ten thousand people were on the ground.

The great contest for the $1,000 prize will take place on Saturday. To-morrow there will be a free view of the Fire Companies.

The Baptist Association of Georgia and the American Tract Society.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The Baptist Central Association of Georgia, at a recent meeting in Morgan County, repudiated the action of the American Tract Society, in regard to Slavery, and recommended the withholding of pecuniary means from, and discontinuance of, the efforts of the agents, who are raising funds by colporteurs for the sale of works, until the Society rescind their recent act, and go back to their original silence on the subject of Slavery.

Resignation of Judge Curtis of the U. S. Supreme Court, etc.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The Portland *State of Maine* announces

KANSAS.

TRIAL OF GOV. CHARLES ROBINSON.

HIS ACQUITTAL.

FULL REPORT OF THE TESTIMONY

CONSERVATIVE FREE-STATE MEETING.

The Question of the Taxes.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

LECOMPTON, K. T., Tuesday, Aug. 18, 1857.

Among the old indictments recently revivified by the law authorities of the Territory, was one against CHARLES ROBINSON, the *ci-devant* Governor, for usurpation of office. In the general amnesty granted to all political offenders by the prosecuting officer, in the Spring of the current year, it was supposed that the case of ROBINSON was included. Recent events, however, would seem to indicate the contrary. For some reason or other, which it is beyond my power to explain, the charges against him have been revived and the matter brought to a judicial test. To-day the case of The Territory of Kansas against CHARLES ROBINSON came up for trial before Judge CATO and a Jury. The proceedings and the result will be found below. Of the propriety of the prosecution you will, of course, form your own opinion. In Kansas the feeling is very much divided among all parties, both as to the proceeding and the result. The verdict has been a very serious disappointment to many of Dr. ROBINSON's political opponents, and to not a few of his sympathizers. For a involvement's intervention in the County Seat, you know, however disagreeable to the individual most interested, would have been a supremely delightful thing for the one party, whilst it would have furnished such an illimitable amount of shrinking capital to the other.

The Court-room in which the trial was held is on the second floor of a large white wooden building, which stands on the brow of the steeply slope that, on the west and southwest, hems in what may properly be called the town. The first story contains the offices of the Register and Register of the Land Office. A wooden staircase of dubious stability, outside the building, at the rear, leads to the Court-room. Having ascended the steps and entered, you find yourself in a little lobby, from which a door at your left gives admission to the Jury room. This apartment is somewhat limited in extent and not especially inviting. Two or three old boxes, a few planks, a dirty bed on a rickety bedstead, constitute its whole furniture. A door immediately in front of you, (supposing you to be still in the lobby with the Jury room on your left hand,) leads into the Court room. This is an apartment about 20 feet by 30. The floor is covered with a composition, several inches thick, of sawdust and saliva, highly impregnated with tobacco-juice. The duty of providing the necessary accommodations for judges, counsel, and the public, seems to have been discharged with an utter disregard of expense. I mean that so little regard was paid to expense that there must have been none at all. The fittings up are comprised in a few green's chairs, two or three rough logs for seats, a couple of broken-down chairs, a cracked stove, three old tables, a rough wooden paling, inclosing the clerk's desk and table in one of the remote corners, and a raised platform at the further end just broad enough to give room for the judge's desk and chair.

Judge CATO is rather a tall man, with a reddish-brown complexion, dark hair, deep lively eyes concealed behind a pair of gold spectacles, a nose slightly Roman, and a pointed chin. His manner is abrupt and decisive, his judgment prompt, positive and permanent, and his capability of rushing through business remarkable. He is by birth and breeding an Alabamian, an intense Pro-Slavery man in sentiment, a stern and unrelenting foe of Northern politicians and politics, but in private life, aside from his partisan proclivities, a most amiable and estimable gentleman.

Hon. WILLIAM WEER, the Attorney-General of the Territory, is by birth a Philadelphian, but emigrated to Illinois in his early youth, and in habits, manners, and modes of thought is, to all intents and purposes, a Western man. He is a ready and effective speaker, a very respectable lawyer, and a very good fellow. In politics he is strongly Free-State, but so hard in his Democracy that he would, I am satisfied, infinitely prefer making Kansas a Slave-State to permitting the Republican Party to acquire even a temporary ascendancy, much less a permanent predominance in its public affairs.

MARCUS J. PARROTT, the leading, though not the senior counsel for Dr. ROBINSON, the defendant, and the candidate of the Topeka Free-State Convention for Representative to Congress, is also a Western man. In *personnel*, he is rather low-set, compactly built, dark-visaged, keen-looking, and with a *bonhomie* air about him that makes him exceedingly popular with his political associates and supporters. He is a ready speaker, somewhat inclined to sarcasm, a shrewd lawyer, an able debater, and a very promising politician.

The senior counsel for the defence is Judge EARLY, a Pennsylvanian. The Judge is a very respectable-looking old gentleman, a very zealous Free-State man, and a very uncompromising partisan. He was one of the persons apprehended and kept in custody by the United States troops last year.

Dr. ROBINSON, the defendant, is familiarly known to many Eastern people. He is an energetic political leader, and, his opponents say, a most unscrupulous political gambler, quiet and even dull-looking, but gifted with more brains than belong to all the rest of his party put together.

The trial was set down for the forenoon, but, owing to some difficulty or previous engagements of the Court, it did not commence until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Even then the Court was subjected to considerable delay by the absence, on business connected with the case, of the Prosecuting-Attorney. In obedience to the requisition of the Sheriff, who had been instructed by the Judge to inform him that if he did not immediately appear, the case would be dismissed, that functionary, at the hour already named, hurried up to Court.

"Well, Mr. WEER," said the Judge, "what do you say about this case?"

District Attorney—Call Mr. TOUTEN.

Judge—What do you say for the defence?

Mr. Parrott—We are ready, sir. We have been ready for three or four days. (To Mr. WEER:) How many jurors have you got summoned?

District Attorney—Twenty.

Mr. Parrott—I have a motion to submit as to the array.

District Attorney—Then put it in writing.

Mr. Parrott proceeded to put his motion in writing.

The District-Attorney availed himself of the interval to address the Court. He said that while Mr. PARROTT was preparing his motion, he would like to say to the Court, for the purpose of acquitting himself of the charge of anything like neglect of duty in these prosecutions, that he had on his shoulders a great deal of labor, and half the time there were no jurors to try the cases when ready. It was well known that, so numerous were his duties, he had, he might say, often to discharge the offices of clerk, marshal and jury, as well as that of prosecuting officer. He understood that blame had been heaped upon him from various quarters for negligence in attending to the public interests, &c., and he offered these remarks as an apology for and explanation of the apparent delay.

Mr. MCARTHUR, the Clerk, got up and said: Will the Court hear a word from me in regard to what is said of the Clerk's duty?

Court—As to the performance of any portion of the Clerk's duties, any person who knows the faithfulness with which I attend to the business here knows what force is to be put on that portion of the apology. If the balance of the apology is all as futile as that is, it will amount to but little.

This retort was followed by a few minutes of dead silence.

Mr. PARROTT, having written his motion, submitted it to the Court. It was in substance a challenge to the array, based on the allegation that the Jury "had not been summoned according to law in this, to wit: That the said Jurors are not distributed or equalized throughout the county, and that they are not free from undue political influence."

District Attorney—Under what statute is that made?

Mr. Parrott—It follows the language of the statute. So much, I think you ought to set us a better example than this.

Section 11 of the statute, as found on page 945, was then read by defendant's counsel.

District Attorney—The Court will notice that Mr. PARROTT's motion does not follow the statute at all.

Mr. Parrott—Well, I have read the statute to verify the motion. That is all.

District Attorney—Mr. PARROTT has stuck in something there about political prejudice. I don't find anything of the kind in the statute.

Mr. Parrott—No. I did not say anything about political prejudice. If I did I did not mean to. I means to copy the section of the statute.

The District Attorney referred to the section, and pointed out the word "political" to defendant's counsel.

Mr. Parrott—Well, I did not mean that; I will correct it.

The language of the motion to quash the array was then corrected in conformity with the language of the statute.

District Attorney—Then, this is a question of fact. A motion of this kind is a matter of evidence to be substantiated by affidavits, and we will be permitted to offer counter-affidavits.

Mr. Parrott—I am ready to verify the motion in that way, if it be necessary.

District Attorney—We will offer counter-affidavits then.

An affidavit was accordingly prepared for the defence.

Judge Cato—Swear in the Jury.

The Clerk administered the oath.

Judge—(To defendant in a stern tone.) Is that your signature?

The defendant replied affirmatively.

District Attorney—Mr. PARROTT, have you anything to say in support of the motion?

Mr. Parrott—I will hear what you have got to say first.

District Attorney—Well, this motion, if it be worthy of the name, is based upon the 11th section of chapter 96, in regard to jurors. That section says that service on such jurors shall be excused, or merely as practicable, among the citizens liable to be summoned on juries, and all officers shall avoid persons of ill fame, habitual drinkers, vagrants, and those under undue influence of other persons. I contend that the persons which this motion is based on be that the jury impannelled in this case is not equally selected, as nearly as practicable, from among citizens of the county liable to be summoned as jurors, and also that this jury is under the undue influence of some one or other of the parties to this action. I understand this statute to be merely directory to the officer who is required to serve the summons on jurors. There is no such provision contained in the statute as would necessarily avoid a venire, even though the summons should be served upon persons not within the qualifications prescribed by this statute. It is true that the officer, be he Marshal or Sheriff, is required to serve that venire upon persons possessing the qualifications required by the statute, but if he should, in the exercise of the authority conferred upon him, summon as jurors persons who are not so qualified, that service of itself, or the exercise of that act of discretion on the part of the officer, would not, of itself, necessarily void the array, or be a sufficient cause for challenge to the whole Jury. I cannot, for the life of me, see how, under the statutes, couched as it is in these terms, the defendant can make a motion by which he can deprive this Court of the assistance of the whole array of jurymen who may have been impannelled for the term. The matters set up in the motion, and charged in the affidavit are matters of fact which can be determined only by questions addressed to the jurors individually when brought upon the stand and subjected to an examination as to their qualifications. The defendant has no right given to him either by statute or by common law to make these objections the ground of a challenge to the whole array of the Jury impannelled for this term.

Mr. Parrott—If the Court please, it is very surprising to me that the gentleman, after all the experience he has had, has not the perspicuity to see the difference between a challenge to the array and a challenge addressed to the individual. There are two modes of proceeding in regard to juries. This is one by which the jury shall be elected from the body of the county. There is another mode pointed out in a subsequent portion of the statutes to serve, when that jury have been summoned and impannelled, provision is made for examining the qualification of the jurors. The law provides, and it is a provision which is carried from the common law proceedings, that when there is an illegality in the method of summoning the jury, that illegality shall be taken advantage of by a motion to quash the array. A challenge to the array for illegality in filling up the *venire* is one thing; a challenge to the jurors separately is another. Now, I insist upon it that fifteen out of the twenty names (with which I happen to be familiar) on this panel, are persons who live, not only in this township, but in this immediate vicinity. This is a large county, and the provision of the statute is that persons shall be selected from every part of the county in proportion to the population of the county. And yet I find that in making up that jury over three-fourths are taken from the immediate vicinage in which this town is located, and I claim that it is a palpable and unmistakable violation of the provisions of the statute, and such a one as would work a most unjust and irreparable hardship on the defendant. I do not mean to say, nor does the defendant say, that any persons on that Jury should be denounced; but I see among them persons who have been conspicuous for the warmth of their feelings on these political matters, and as my client has also been conspicuous in regard to public events in the Territory, it is not unfair, and I know these gentlemen will allow it, to say that they are not persons who are competent to sit on this Jury. I see my friend, Sheriff JONES, for example, on this panel. We all very well understand what position he occupies; and I am not wanting in respect to him at all, nor do I refer to him particularly, but I do refer to the fact that these are not men to whom my client can with safety or justice intrust his interests in a matter involving so much political feeling as this. It is for that reason that I submit this motion for this right to which under the statute we are entitled. We are entitled to it under the common law. We insist on the fulfillment of the law, and we do not want to be forced to a trial upon a plain and palpable infringement of the statute.

Court—Well, Mr. PARROTT, as at present advised I shall overrule your motion.

Mr. Parrott—I except to the opinion of the Court.

Court—Yes, sir, that is right. (to the Marshal) call the first four names on the jury list.

The Clerk complied with the directions of the Court, and foremost among the Jurors who presented themselves was the veritable Sheriff JONES.

Court—What do you say to these Jurors?

Mr. Parrott—I want to have them sworn on their *voir dire*

The Jurors were sworn accordingly, and examined as follows by the Court:

Q.—Gentlemen, are any of you related to the defendant here?

The Jurors answered, no Sir.

Q.—Has either one of you any prejudice, or partiality, or bias resting upon your mind, which would influence your verdict in this case?

The answer as before was in the negative.

Q.—Has either of you formed or delivered an opinion in relation to the guilt or innocence of the defendant?

Three of the Jurors replied that they had not, and one of them named Mr. Lacey said he had.

Court (to Mr. Lacey)—Well, stand aside, Sir.

District Attorney—I desire earnestly that nobody be sworn to serve on this Jury who has formed any opinion at all on the merits of this controversy. I wish them all to be subjected to a rigid examination.

Court—Have you formed an opinion, Mr. Lacey?

Mr. Lacey—I have, Sir.

Court—Has that opinion been formed on rumor or on a knowledge of the facts?

Mr. Lacey—It has been formed upon what I have heard.

Court—Well, Sir, you are a competent juror.

District Attorney—I am perfectly willing for his exclusion. I do not wish any man on the Jury who has formed an opinion on this matter whatever.

Court—He says his opinion is formed upon rumor and not on a knowledge of the facts.

Judge Smith—That I take it is the very reason why he should be excluded.

Court—He is a competent juror. You can object to him if you think proper.

District Attorney—I will consent to his discharge. Mr. Lacey was discharged accordingly.

Mr. Parrott—(To Sheriff Jones)—Sheriff, have you formed or expressed any opinion as to the guilt or innocence of this defendant?

Sheriff Jones—I don't think I have—I may have—I don't know.

Mr. Parrott—Well, we will excuse you, at any rate.

After subjecting all the Jurors on the panel to a similar examination, so many were set aside as incompetent that the Court found it necessary to order the Marshal to call up summarily for examination as jurors all the spectators in the Court-room whom he recognized as citizens. There being but two or three of these present, the Court felt compelled at last to send out the officer to bring in all the citizens he could find, until the roll of jurors should be completed. This itself was a task of considerable difficulty and serious delay. Nobody seemed to take any interest either in the trial or the issue of it, save those immediately concerned, and even Mr. PARROTT, the defendant's leading counsel, exhibited his indifference by an occasional whiff at his cigar, and one of the persons who was examined as to his qualifications to serve as a juror put all notions of conventional propriety at defiance by undertaking to kiss the Holy Evangelists with a stump of a cigar in his mouth, and the tobacco juice trickling down his chin. Ultimately a Jury was constituted of the following gentlemen, whose politics I have accurately designated.

G. H. Brown	Free State	John Haws	Free State
E. L. Fant	Pro-Slavery	C. B. Keller	Free State
A. J. Parrish	Pro-Slavery	J. J. Cuddy	Doubtful
D. H. Easton	Free State	R. C. Brooke	Doubtful
R. Hutchinson	Free State	Ed. Chapman	Free State
J. B. Jones	Pro-Slavery	S. S. Day	Pro-Slavery

The District-Attorney proceeded to state the case for the prosecution. He began by reading the indictment, which is as follows:

Territory of Kansas, Douglas County—The First District Court, adjourned Session of April Term, A. D., 1856.—The Grand Jurors for the Territory of Kansas, for Douglas County, sworn to inquire upon their oaths, present that—whereas, by an act of Congress, entitled an Act to organize the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas, approved May 30, 1854, among other things it was provided, in substance, as follows, to wit: "That the Executive power and authority, in and over said Territory of Kansas, shall be vested in a Governor, who shall hold his office for five years, and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the President of the United States." And by another section of the same act, among other things, it was provided, as follows, to wit: "That the Governor, Secretary, Chief Justice and Associate Justices, Attorney and Marshal, shall be nominated, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appointed by the President of the United States," one Charles Robinson, late of the county aforesaid, well knowing the provisions of the aforesaid act, on the 23d day of April, in the year 1856, in the county aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the said Court, without them and there being nominated and appointed, according to the act aforesaid, and without them and there having any lawful appointment or deputation whatever, as Governor of the Territory of Kansas, unlawfully, then and there did assume and take upon himself the office of Governor of the Territory of Kansas, under the false name and style of Governor of the *State* of Kansas; and that the said Charles Robinson, afterwards, to wit, on the 23d day of April, in the year aforesaid, in the county aforesaid, and within the jurisdiction of the said court, did utter and issue a certain proclamation as Governor of the Territory of Kansas, but calling himself Governor of the State of Kansas, the leaving out a blotting of which proclamation, then and there was an opprobrium to the office of Governor of the Territory of Kansas. And the said Charles Robinson, without having any appointment or deputation whatever so to do, at the time and place aforesaid, and on divers times between that time and the day of taking this inquisition, did exercise the several appertaining to the said office of Governor of the Territory of Kansas, to the great disturbance of the peace and good order of the said Territory, contrary to the form of statute in such case made and provided, and against the peace, government and dignity of the Territory of Kansas.

C. E. GROVER, *District-Attorney*.

They would see, he continued, from the indictment, that the charge against the defendant here was for usurping the office of Governor of Kansas.

Mr. Parrott—Of the State or Territory?

District Attorney—I don't care which, whether it be State or Territory. We propose to prove before you, gentlemen, that he has pretended to assume and exercise the power and duties of that office, and if he has done so, he is liable under a statute of this Territory which provides such cases. The statute under which he is indicted reads as follows: "If any person shall take upon himself any office or public trust in this Territory, and exercise any power to do any act pertaining to the office or trust, without a lawful appointment or deputation," he shall, upon conviction be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the County Jail not exceeding one year. You have heard the indictment read, gentlemen, and if by our proof we bring the defendant within the provisions of this statute, of course there is no alternative but to find him guilty. If, on the other hand, we fail to warrant the indictment, or even you, leaning to this law, will find a verdict of not guilty. That is all I have to say, Mr. PARROTT.

Mr. Parrott—I have nothing to say, gentlemen, except that to all that the defendant says he is not guilty, for that he never assumed to be Governor of Kansas Territory.

Judge Cato—You plea is not guilty, then. Bring forward your witnesses, Col. WEER.

The District-Attorney ordered the Marshal to call G. W. Brown (of the *Herald of Freedom*.) Mr. BROWN was loudly required to make his appearance, but as Mr. BROWN was then in Lawrence, the requisition was not attended to. After some conversation between the Court, the Counsel and the Sheriff, on the question of the validity of the service of a subpœna which had been left at Mr. BROWN's place of business on the preceding day, the Court consented to grant an attachment for him.

Court—Call your next witness, now.

The name of Geo. W. TOUTEN was shouted, and Mr. TOUTEN appeared.

Court—This is the only witness you have?

District Attorney—I believe so.

Mr. Parrott—Ain't you going to swear me? You have got a subpœna for me.

District Attorney—Yes, but lawyers are supposed to testify on their honor, and an oath in their case is generally dispensed with.

The examination of the witness TOUTEN was then entered on by the prosecuting officer.

Q.—Are you acquainted with Dr. Robinson? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—How long have you known him? A.—About two years.

Q.—That would be about August, 1855. Have you known him since then? A.—I don't recollect what time in the year 1855 I first became acquainted with him.

Q.—Were you acquainted with him during the year 1856? A.—Yes, Sir; I think it was in the Fall of '55: I won't be positive about the time; I don't recollect.

Q.—Were you present at the time the first Topeka Legislature was organized? A.—I was, Sir.

Q.—Was Dr. Robinson there? A.—Yes, he was.

Q.—Do you know anything in regard to his being inducted into the office of Governor of Kansas? If so, state to the Jury all the particulars. A.—He was elected Governor of the State of Kansas under the Topeka Constitution.

District Attorney—Go on and state what he did under that appointment that he received from the persons who elected him. State what you saw or heard.

Witness—Well, I saw a great many things; I don't know what particular thing you mean.

District Attorney—Relative, I mean, to his receiving or accepting the office of Governor of Kansas.

Witness—He accepted it, I think, and was sworn in.

District Attorney—Well, state the facts to the Jury.

Judge Smith—Was the oath of office in writing?

Witness—Well, I don't recollect that it was; I am not positive on that subject; I don't know that I saw it in writing.

District Attorney—State to the Jury all that took place, just as it occurred, at the time to which you are referring.

Witness—The Legislature met and were sworn in under that Constitution.

Q.—Where? A.—At Topeka.

Q.—At what time? A.—On the 4th of March, I believe.

Q.—In what County? A.—Shawnee.

Q.—That is in this District? Yes, Sir, I believe so.

District Attorney—Go on and state what they did there, so far as the Governor was concerned.

Witness—The Governor was sworn in, as I stated before.

Q.—By whom? A.—I believe by W. Y. ROBERTS, President of the Senate.

Q.—Was that the office he pretended to hold? A.—Yes, Sir—Lieut. Governor. I believe I am mistaken. I believe he was sworn in by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, James H. LANE. I did not charge my mind with these things; I did not expect to be called hereafter, and I don't recollect positively now who did swear him in; I knew he was sworn in, and I believe it was done by Lane.

Q.—What time do you say that took place? A.—I think it was on the 4th of March.

Q.—In what year? A.—In '56.

Q.—What kind of an oath did he take? A.—Well, as well as I recollect, the oath was about this—to support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Kansas, and faithfully to demean himself in office as the Governor of the State of Kansas.

Q.—After he was sworn in what did he do then? A.—He issued a Proclamation, and sent it in to us as a legislative body, in writing.

Q.—Were you a member? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Of what? A.—Of the lower house.

Q.—Of what? Of the Legislature of Kansas? A.—Yes, Sir, of the State of Kansas.

Q.—You received a proclamation from him? A.—Yes, Sir; his Private Secretary brought in the proclamation.

Q.—In what capacity did he issue that proclamation? A.—As Governor of the State of Kansas.

Q.—Where was Governor ROBINSON at the time that proclamation was being read to you? A.—I believe he was in the Hall; I am not positive about that; he was occasionally there, I know.

Q.—Which is your impression? Do you think he was there or not? A.—Yes, Sir; I think he was there.

Q.—Well, tell us what the nature of the proclamation was? A.—Well, the nature of that proclamation I cannot give.

Judge Smith—I suppose we had better have the Proclamation itself. It is the best evidence of what it contains.

District Attorney—I take it for granted that anything said or read in Governor ROBINSON's presence, of which he purported to be the author, is evidence sufficient.

Judge Smith—Suppose Mr. TOUTEN don't know whether that was written by the Governor or not?

Witness—I did not see him write it.

District Attorney—I did not put it on the ground that it was written, but that certain sentences purporting to have been written by him were read in his presence; and if he remained silent he is bound by that.

The Court—I think so.

After some argument on the point,

The Court reiterated its intention to receive the evidence as competent, and

Defendant's counsel objected.

Q.—Go on, Mr. TOUTEN, and state what that Proclamation, which was read or said in presence of you members of the Legislature contained. A.—Well, Sir, the proclamation of the Governor was commenced as usual. It was termed a Message. After the usual commencement it went on to give such instructions, I suppose, as Governor ROBINSON thought proper and right to give to Legislatures. If you want the particular features pointed out—

District Attorney—No matter, go ahead.

Mr. Parrott—Now you are proving the contents of that message.

District Attorney—I am proving what was said.

Witness—I think, after you have woke me up about it, that I should say it was printed.

District Attorney—That is not the question. I ask you what was said, as coming from Dr. ROBINSON, in his presence.

Mr. Parrott—He was not there.

District Attorney—The witness said he was.

Mr. Parrott—No, he said he had an impression he was there.

Witness—I don't say positively whether he was or not; I know Mr. CLINTON brought in his Message.

Judge Smith—I submit to the Court whether the witness' impression is evidence or not.

Court—He may state the fact as it lies in his mind.

Witness—My impression is that he was present when it was read. I recollect very distinctly that Mr. CLINTON brought in the letter and delivered it. I am not positive that Dr. ROBINSON was present; my impression is that he was.

District Attorney—State some of the leading features of that message.

Witness—Well, as well as I recollect, he advised the members of the Legislature to pass a militia law and school law and some other things, and then to adjourn for a time to see what Congress would do. He went on to advise everything that he thought necessary to be done by the Legislature, and what laws he thought it necessary to have passed.

Q.—To whom was that proclamation, or message, or inaugural, or whatever it was, read? A.—It was read to the members of the Senate and lower house of the State of Kansas.

Q.—You say you were one of them? A.—I was.

Q.—Elected how? A.—I suppose by a vote of the people; I was sick at the time.

Q.—For what were you elected and to what? A.—Of course I was elected to that Legislature for the purpose of making laws for the people.

Q.—The people of where? A.—Of Kansas Territory or the State of Kansas.

Q.—What were the boundaries of the State of Kansas? Well, I can give you part of the boundaries, but I cannot give you all the precise boundaries unless I go up to the house.

Mr. Parrott—There is record evidence in the Topeka Constitution of the fact, and I submit that they cannot give oral evidence of facts on record.

District Attorney—Well I don't regard the Topeka Constitution as a record.

Mr. Parrott—Yet you charge it to be under the Topeka Constitution, and now you make fun of it.

District Attorney—What law is there making the Topeka Constitution a record?

Mr. Parrott—I will not discuss that question now.

District Attorney—I am ready to discuss it at any time.

Mr. Parrott—If it is not a record it is printed matter. I object to the question; the Court can dispose of it as it pleases.

Court—I overrule the objection.

Mr. Parrott—I except to the ruling of the Court.

Court—(to witness)—Well, Sir?

Witness—It was bounded on the East by the State of Missouri; on the Northwest by Nebraska; on the South by the Cherokee or Indian country; the Western boundary I don't believe I can give from memory precisely; I can come somewhere in the neighborhood of it.

District Attorney—Well, state how near you can come to it.

Witness—I can get it in the Topeka Constitution.

District Attorney—Never mind that; state your recollection.

Witness—I may be mistaken; but as I remember it, it runs out West as far as Rock River; it runs out further West than I have ever been.

Q.—What, so far as you know, are the western boundaries of this so-called State of Kansas? A.—I think about 23 or 40 degrees West are laid down as the boundary.

District Attorney—State some geographical division of the country that would show it.

Witness—I don't think I could get as that so as to make it satisfactory to myself.

District Attorney—I don't care about the exact limits, I want to know what scope of country it covers.

Witness—The impression upon my mind was that it was somewhere from 320 to 370 miles West of Lecompton, but I don't know that I was correct in that.

Q.—Now, will you state to this Jury what were the duties of this pretended Governor of the State of Kansas—the duties that he assumed or the power he pretended to have the right to exercise? A.—Well, all the power that I know the Governor to exercise was to issue his proclamation or his message.

Q.—As what? A.—As Governor; and I believe he issued a proclamation calling an election.

Q.—For what? A.—For vacancies.

Q.—In what? A.—Vacancies in the Legislature.

Q.—What do you mean when you speak of the Legislature? A.—I mean those men who are elected under the Topeka Constitution.

Q.—What to do? A.—To make a Legislature.

Q.—To do what? A.—To frame laws for the State of Kansas.

Q.—Whenever you speak of the Legislature of Kansas you mean a body of men who were elected to make laws for the State of Kansas? A.—Yes, Sir; assembled in Topeka on the 4th of March, 1856, I believe.

Q.—Are you acquainted with the present boundaries of the Territory of Kansas? A.—I am with three sides.

Q.—What are they? A.—The Eastern, the Southern, and the Northwestern, adjoining Nebraska.

Q.—That is the northern boundary—isn't it? A.—Yes, Sir; From what is Northwestern.

Q.—Were or were not the boundaries of the State of Kansas coextensive with the boundaries of the Territory of Kansas? A.—Yes, Sir; the boundaries of the State of Kansas, I believe, were governed a good deal by the boundaries laid down in the organic act; I think there was something said about leaving off a portion of the Western desert; but I don't recollect whether it was done or not.

Q.—What connection was there between the defendant here, the Governor of the State of Kansas, and the Legislature of Topeka, with regard to the passage of laws?

Mr. Parrott—I object, unless you call this witness as a political expert.

Court—I think it is a competent question, gentlemen, if he knows the fact of that connection.

Witness—The connection between Gov. ROBINSON and that Legislature was that, when they passed anything, they sent it to him for his approval or disapproval.

What acts did Governor ROBINSON do in connection with that Legislature—that is in carrying out the relations that you have stated existed between him and them relative to the passage of laws? A.—Have regulated the salaries of some officers, and did something of that kind; I don't recollect how much; some one or two of these laws he signed, and one, I believe, he refused to sign; I thought he was right in refusing to sign them, for I did not think it was a good arrangement.

Q.—From whom did you get your certificate of election as a member of the Legislature? A.—I got it from James H. Lane, the Chairman of the Executive Committee, attested by J. P. Gooden, Secretary of said Committee.

Q.—What relation was there between James H. Lane and Dr. Robinson officially? A.—Well, I don't know that there was any; Lane seemed to be Governor while he was Chairman of the Executive Committee; when the doctor was elected Governor and superseded him, then Lane gave it up.

Q.—What immediately followed after Dr. Robinson took the oath of office of Governor of the State of Kansas? A.—Well, I don't remember, it is so long since, and so many things took place about that time.

Q.—Were there any ceremonies of any kind? A.—I don't recollect what were the ceremonies; several men took the oath of office after Dr. Robinson; all the State officers, I believe, took the oath of office after Dr. Robinson, except Schuyler, and he was out in the country; in some of the Eastern States, I am pretty certain.

Q.—You remember nothing then up to the time of his delivering that message? A.—Oh, I remember nothing officially.

Q.—Where do you say that Legislature met and this oath taken by Dr. Robinson? A.—In Topeka; they were all administered in what was called Constitution Hall, in the town of Topeka.

Q.—That is in Shawnee County? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Do you know of any acts done by Dr. Robinson since that time as Governor of the State of Kansas? A.—I have seen proclamations of his; when the Legislature met again the Doctor was a prisoner in the United States camp.

Q.—Do you know anything that took place after that time? A.—Nothing.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY MR PARROTT.

Q.—You were in and about this Legislature a good deal, were you not? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did you know it ever to have or pretend to have anything to do with the Territorial affairs of Kansas? A.—With the Territorial affairs? No, Sir; not as I understood it. The Legislative Government took their position upon the Topeka Constitution.

Q.—Did they assume to exercise any control over public affairs in any manner in that organization, either in the Legislature or the Government? A.—Not to my knowledge. As an individual member I did not, I know.

Q.—Wasn't it understood distinctly by everybody that this organization depended upon the State being admitted by consent of Congress? A.—That was the understanding as to the Constitution as framed, and was my understanding up till——

Q.—I mean the time when you were present there? A.—Yes, Sir; that was my understanding up till the me of the meeting of the Legislature.

District Attorney—What is that?

Mr. Parrott—I asked him if he ever knew that Legislature to exercise or pretend to exercise any control over the affairs of the Territory or the State, and he says he did not.

District Attorney—Do you mean to embrace everything in that?

Mr. Parrott—I don't mean to say anything about it; I ask him the question. (To witness)—I understand you to say, then, that this whole thing depended on the consent of Congress? A.—That was my understanding about it till the first of July.

Counsel—I want you to confine your testimony to the time about which you have been already testifying.

Q.—I suppose you have had many conversations with Gov. Robinson in relation to this thing? A.—Yes, Sir; he and I have talked together.

Q.—In such conversations did he ever pretend to interfere with the territorial affairs of this country?

Witness—As Governor?

Counsel—Yes, Sir.

Witness—I never heard him pretend any such thing that I have any recollection of; I should say that he certainly did not; if he had I believe I would recollect it.

Q.—Was not your understanding from him, as well as from others, that this organization was only to act with the consent of Congress? A.—My understanding, when the Constitution was formed, was that it would be submitted to Congress, and that it should not be enforced until we got admitted under it.

Q.—Was not the application of the people of this Territory then pending before Congress to admit it as a State under that Constitution? A.—Yes, Sir; when the Legislature met.

Q.—In March? A.—In March.

Q.—Did they pass any law at that session of the Legislature? A.—They regulated some salaries, passed some resolutions, and I don't know but some law in reference to the militia.

Q.—About elections, census-taking, or something of that sort? A.—I don't think there was anything about census-taking; there was some resolution passed in reference to election districts; I don't recollect all they did; I know they were positive not to pass laws to conflict with the other laws of the Territory.

BY JUDGE SMITH.

Q.—Were you not a member of the Convention that framed the Constitution? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—State whether that Convention was not framed for the purpose of making application to Congress for admission to the Union? A.—That is what it was formed for; that is my understanding, at least.

Q.—Do you recollect that the matter was discussed? A.—Yes, it was discussed freely.

Counsel—State whether the State organization was not got up for the purpose of getting admission into the Union, and not to go into operation until we were admitted as a State? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—State whether Dr. Robinson recommended anything except what was necessary for organization as a State, and preparatory to application for admission into the Union? A.—I don't know as I am a good judge of what is necessary for the organization of a State, preparatory to admission into the Union; but as I understand the question, that is what the Doctor did.

Q.—State, if you recollect, whether a Committee was appointed by the Legislature to memorialize Congress to be admitted into the Union? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And whether that memorial was sent or not? A.—The memorial was sent on.

Q.—Dr. Robinson recommended that? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And some three months ago under an order future day? A.—Yes, Sir; I think about three days to act.

Q.—I think you said you never knew of Governor Robinson interfering with the Government of the Territory of Kansas, or with the administration of affairs in the Territory of Kansas? A.—No, Sir.

Q.—State, if you recollect it, the discussion that took place in the Convention as to what was necessary to be done before we applied for admission into the Union? A.—I think after that matter was discussed in the Convention that, as well as I recollect, the decision we came to was about this: it was necessary to frame a Constitution and submit that Constitution to the people, and elect State officers and let them be prepared to take their positions whenever we were received, and to elect a Legislature and send up Senators elect to the United States Government; that was about the conclusion we arrived at.

Q.—But none of these arrangements to take effect until we were admitted into the Union? A.—Yes, until we were admitted into the Union; think such the position that I occupied, and that you occupied; and that both the one and the other of us acted in good faith other gentlemen in the country concerned.

Counsel—I believe that is all, Mr. PARROTT.

REEXAMINED BY THE DISTRICT-ATTORNEY.

Q.—You have been interrogated by the gentlemen for the defence here as to whether any action of this Topeka Legislature, with which Dr. ROBINSON was connected as Governor, conflicted with the Territorial laws, or the Territorial authorities? I want to know of you, in that connection, if this Topeka Legislature did not pass laws so as into force immediately, or within a specified time, independent of your admission into the Union as a State or not? What was something done by that Legislature—any act of any kind? I want to know? A.—Well, there were some things done, and one or two would know, but what they were, I cannot state definitely.

Q.—You have already mentioned something about a militia law; did that depend for its going into effect upon the admission of Kansas into the Union or not? A.—The impression on my mind was, and my understanding was—

District Attorney—I do not ask what your understanding was, but what was done. A.—I think it said that such and such a thing should be done.

Mr. Parrott—Do you know what that law was passed for? A.—I stated that I was not sure whether it had passed or not.

District Attorney—Were there no acts passed at all by that Legislature? A.—That as to the salaries of officers was.

Q.—That was passed? A.—Yes.

Q.—Did you depend for its validity upon the fact of the admission of Kansas into the Union or not? A.—I don't know whether they will ever get their fees or not.

Q.—Did the act of itself propose to go into effect? A.—I don't recollect that it did.

Q.—Cannot you say whether it did or not? A.—My impression is that the not said nothing on that subject.

Q.—Now, were there no other laws passed by that legislature besides that law fixing the salaries of officers? Me laws as to census or elections? A.—Not at that time.

District Attorney—I am not confining myself to that particular time.

Mr. Parrott—But you are not going beyond the time of the indictment.

By Mr. Parrott—How many days do you say that Legislature was in session? A.—I don't recollect how many days it was at Topeka before it adjourned.

Q.—State to the Jury what acts Dr. Robinson did as Governor, either in connection with that Legislature, or outside of it, which did not depend upon the fact of the admission of Kansas into the Union as a State or not. A.—Well, the fact that I spoke of before as to the salaries of officers. I don't think there was anything said about it in that. He issued a proclamation, too, for filling a vacancy in the Legislature.

Q.—What more? A.—I think I have seen two or three of these proclamations calling an election.

Q.—The Legislature, however, which met at Topeka at the time you speak of, only sat for three or four days? A.—A few days; I don't know how many.

Q.—The Legislature, you say, only sat for three or four days, and then it adjourned? A.—I don't recollect when it adjourned; if you just give me an opportunity to go home, I will tell you; it was only a few days, though, in session.

Q.—You remember no act but that regulating the salaries of officers? A.—There was an act passed regulating the salaries of officers, and there were some resolutions passed, I think, as to elections, or when elections should be held.

Q.—Did that resolution that you speak of require the concurrence of anybody beside the Legislature? A.—I don't recollect whether or not.

Q.—Was there anything done by that legislature in regard to fixing the location of the capital of Kansas? A.—No, Sir; Topeka was made temporarily the capital, not by a vote of that Legislature, but by a vote of the Constitutional Convention, if I recollect aright.

Q.—Those are all the acts that you remember of? A.—Those are all I remember now.

By Judge Smith—Recollect if there was any resolution passed other than making application for admission into the Union, besides fixing the salary for officers in case we were admitted into the Union? A.—I think there must have been resolutions passed; it is the impression on my mind.

Q.—There was a resolution passed for making application for admission into the Union? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—And the salaries of the officers were fixed to be paid when we were admitted into the Union? A.—Yes, Sir.

Q.—Did

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

The *Vanderbilt* arrived at this port yesterday from Southampton, bringing dates to Aug. 27, but were three days later. The news from India was received by telegraph on the day of the sailing of the steamer, and confirms the favorable statement of the capture of Delhi by the insurgents and the massacre of the European inhabitants of the place. Delhi still held out, and all the native troops in Oude had revolted. The complication of Indian affairs began to excite alarm in England. Vigorous debates had taken place in Parliament, and the rapid drain of men and supplies for India was regarded as a means of weakening the country of its defences. An article in the London *Times* comments upon a speech of Lord PALMERSTON, in Parliament, in significant language. We copy elsewhere the article of the *Times* and an extract from Lord PALMERSTON's speech. It was established that the conditions of Continental politics might place England in an unfavorable position, were all her strength directed towards India. The transfer of regiments or troops from the American Colonies was not looked upon with favor. The affairs of Turkey present no new features. A history of the difficulty is given in our columns. The commercial news by this arrival is favorable; large sales of Cotton are reported; Breadstuffs were lower; Consols 90¾.

The *Vanderbilt* brings additional information of the movements of the Atlantic Telegraph Company. Up to the 26th, the Directors had not decided upon the practicability of making another attempt to lay the cable this season. A conference, however, had been held in London between the Directors of the Company and the commanding officers of the ships composing the Telegraphic Expedition. The results of this conference appear to have been eminently satisfactory. They unanimously expressed the opinion that no form of submarine telegraph could be devised more suitable to the object intended to be accomplished. They also stated that no natural obstacles exist to prevent the laying of the cable. The only censurable part of the arrangements appears to be the construction of the brakes intended to control the cable. These, in their present condition, are pronounced unsuitable, and they will probably be modified. The officers inclined to the belief that an attempt to lay the cable in the months of October and November would be successful. A correspondent of the London *Times* broaches a novel idea—that the mammoth steamship *Great Eastern*, which, could with ease contain the entire cable, be employed in place of any other vessel. A letter from Mr. CYRUS W. FIELD, addressed to his family in this City, speaks hopefully of this enterprise.

We publish this morning, under our Telegraphic head, the memorial of Professor SILLIMAN and forty-two others, electors of the State of Connecticut, to President BUCHANAN, in reprehension of his course on Kansas affairs, together with the reply of the President, in defence of the position he has thought proper to assume. In view of the circumstances which have called out this correspondence, the letter of the President assumes an importance which will insure its attentive perusal.

Our special correspondent in Kansas sends us a very full report, which we publish this morning, of the trial of Gov. ROBINSON, on a charge of usurpation of office. The evidence, voluminous and conclusive, opens a remarkable chapter in the history of Kansas. The acquittal of Gov. ROBINSON, by a Lecompton Jury, may be regarded in the light of a signal triumph. A conservative Free-State Convention was held near Lecompton on the 24th, the proceedings of which are sketched by our correspondent.

The first meeting of the Canal Board for several weeks was held at Albany yesterday, and a large amount of business was transacted. The deposits of bullion recently made at the Reciprocity and Helena Banks in Buffalo, were ordered to be transferred to the Mechanics' and Manufacturers' and Traders' Banks of that city, and to the Bank of Utica—the half to the former, and one-fourth to each of the two latter. The Auditor notified the Board that the fund for the payment of the interest on the Canal Debt will be exhausted after the payment of the October interest, and that it will be necessary to raise $700,000 on the credit of the Sinking Fund in January, to pay the interest for 1858.

On Friday last Mr. STOUT, the City Chamberlain, then in Westchester County, was served with a temporary injunction forbidding him to pay out any moneys in his hands as City Treasurer, and requiring him to show cause yesterday, before Judge PEABODY, why he should not be permanently restrained from doing so. The injunction was issued on the application of Benson W. Lowndes, and its object was to enable the Lowndes claim to be satisfied out of the City moneys. But inasmuch as the City account was already overdrawn to the amount of $227,000, and as the Chamberlain felt that he was not restrained from loaning to the City if he so elected, the warrants drawn by the Commissioner, and duly countersigned, have been honored at the Bleecker and Leather Bank as usual. Yesterday the case was argued before Judge PEABODY, at Chambers, Judge WHITING appearing for the City corporation, and strongly urging that the injunction should be dissolved. The decision was reserved.

In Westchester County Dr. BENJAMIN BRANDRETH is a warm friend, appealing to the honors of the State Senate. But he is not without opposition in the Democratic ranks. Hon. JOHN B. HASKIN, member of Congress elect, leading the anti-Buchanan faction. About a week ago a meeting was held in the town of Ossining, pursuant to a call of the town Democratic Committee, to appoint delegates to the Third Assembly District Convention, which will meet at Union Dam on Saturday next. Seventeen delegates were chosen in spite of the opposition, which on Tuesday evening last met and appointed rival Haskin delegates. Thus, there will be two sets of delegates from Ossining to the District Convention, and, possibly, from other towns. Such a state of affairs, if freely true in the Convention, ought to be unfortunate. It is understood that HASKIN favors a Mr. JAMES, of Putnam County, for the Senate, and Mr. W. SCOTCHMAN, of Yonkers, for Assembly.

The Board of Supervisors met yesterday and took up the matter of the Court-House and Jail. Considerable discussion took place, but no definite action was had. The Board will meet again to-day.

Two parties contracted to ship steadily during the month of September, the former for the full capacity of the steamer, the latter for 3,000 bbls. daily for the corresponding week; and a weekly average of 4,500 during many months, the cattle broken into usually constitute such trade. If they were unwilling to take the responsibility in the present condition of the money market, in that several droves of cattle were actually withheld for want of salesmen yesterday. Several hundred cattle were driven into the country, and the yards were not cleared last evening, even at the reduced rates. Considerable numbers of animals remained at Albany, waiting competition between Eastern and New-York buyers, and the present prospect is that there will be an abundant supply next week, though the fewer of yesterday's market will materially diminish the numbers that would otherwise be sent forward. Farmers will find the present an excellent opportunity to buy up cattle to consume the unusual amount of forage now in the country, and to be returned later in the season, when the supply of beef happens to be short. Such an operation will pay better than buying railroad stocks, even at the present low figures, as many are doing, while this course would help materially to equalize our fluctuating meat markets.

The Railroad Convention, or Association of leading Railroad men, as it may now be called, met again yesterday at the rooms of the American Institute. The proceedings were of an interesting character, though scarcely, as yet, of great importance to the Railroad corporations of the United States. They meet again to-day.

The Commissioners of Emigration could not obtain a quorum yesterday. Their balance in bank is $71,015 85.

Just as the steamer *Arabia* was about to sail yesterday, Mr. P. T. BARNUM, who had taken passage for Liverpool, was arrested on a "Jerome Clock note," held, as he says, by a broker, who shaved it at about half its face. Mr. B. told the officer that if the broker wanted his "booty" he was welcome to it, for he had not known what to do with it these two years. BARNUM says that most of his prosecutors are men who obtained the Clock notes at usurious interest, and he looks to the Courts to liberate him from their grasp.

The Turners closed their seventh annual festival last evening, by dancing away the hours of darkness at the City Assembly Rooms. Fully two thousand persons participated in the pleasures of the occasion. The day having been devoted to rest, the Turners enjoyed the dance with greater zest, and the dancing did not close until near daylight. Prizes were awarded during the evening to the champions in the sports through which they had passed. They were distributed in the order of merit as follows: *Prize Turning*—MUH—1; Boltner, of New-York; 2, Frantz, of New-York; 3, Muth, of Bloomingdale; 4, Stumpff, of Williamsburg; 5, Dudensing, of New-York; 6, A. Moerman, of Williamsburg; 7, Gmehlin, of New-York; 8, Bankmann. BOYE—1, Beckman; 2, Hartwig; 3, Meurer; 4, Bauer; 5, Buhler; 6, Bunghard; 7, Wissil; of New-York. *Fencing*—1, H. Benecke, of New-York; 2, L. Bilse, of New-York; 3, Mr. Haffner, of Williamsburg. *Shooting*—1, Frantz Schmidt, of Williamsburg. *Singing*—1, The Turner Liederkrantz.

Crossing Broadway was never so dangerous—when the street was clear of mud—as at present. We saw several reputable people, none of them drunk, who were run down by the omnibuses, escaping narrowly with their lives, their hats and their watches. One man had his watch transfixed by the pole, while its owner was deposited wrong side up with care on the sidewalk.

Mr. VERE FOSTER denies that any of the girls on board the *City of Mobile* were of bad character before they left Liverpool, and expresses his intention hereafter to bring no parties of girls in his vessels, unless accompanied by their brothers or himself.

HENRY LA GRANGE was arrested yesterday on the charge of forgery, raising money on a bogus bill of lading. The prosecutor is Mr. ANSON LACOMBE, merchant, of No. 40 Broadway. The prisoner was committed by Justice OSBORNE for examination.

Another case of alleged forgery yesterday was that of a draft cashed for the wrong person. The culprit is GEORGE WERNER, a German. The party in whom the property was vested is similarly named to the prisoner, who asserted that it was sent to his house, and thereupon he obtained the money. He was held to bail in $500 to answer.

A case of alleged infanticide was investigated yesterday by Coroner HELM. The inquest is still in progress, at No. 228 Rivington-street.

The body of a man named MICHAEL BROPHY was taken from dock at foot of Twelfth-street. The inquest will be held to-morrow.

The National Guards proceeded, yesterday, on a visit to Riverhead, Long Island, where they are to be the guests of the 16th Regiment N. Y. S. M.

The Board of Managers of the American Bible Union convened yesterday afternoon, Rev. Dr. ANDERSON presiding. The reverend Doctor gave an interesting statement of the progress of the revision movement in Great Britain, whence he has lately returned. He stated that Mr. SPURGEON declared himself favorable to the views of the Union. The receipts since the last meeting of the Board were $4,552 50.

A little girl under fifteen years of age eloped from Saratoga on Sunday last in company with JOHN TRAVIS, a celebrated pistol shooter and sporting man. He kept a pistol gallery there. The girl is represented as pretty and artless. They are believed to be on their way to St. Louis.

An elderly woman named MARGARET ROACH fell from the second-story window of house No. 14 Carroll-street, Brooklyn, to the sidewalk Tuesday evening and was almost instantly killed.

At the Horse Fair at Elmira yesterday, a contest of speed took place between *Flora Temple* and *Lancet*—the former in harness and the latter under the saddle—mile heats, best two in three. *Flora* was successful, in 2:28 and 2:27.

Judge PEABODY granted one additional attachment against the Ohio Life and Trust Company, yesterday. The application was made in behalf of EBENEZER O. GROSVENOR, and others, who are creditors of the Trust Company in the sum of $1,418.

Some time ago, when the case of the Municipal Policeman, GAMBLING, was on argument, Judge DAVIES ordered a reference to JAMES R. WHITING to inquire as to whether a notice that charges had been preferred against GAMBLING was served upon him. Mr. WHITING has recently reported that there were written charges preferred against GAMBLING, but the messenger intrusted with them, instead of serving them on GAMBLING, delivered them to Capt. MCKEE, who did not hand them over to GAMBLING. GAMBLING reported himself ready for duty to the General Superintendent subsequent to the 23d of June, and Mr. WHITING reported that GAMBLING was ill from the 1st of April until after the 23d of June. It was upon this report that Judge DAVIES ordered the *certiorari* to issue.

A man named JAMES PATTERSON was knocked down and robbed yesterday morning early in Cherry-street. He was taken to the City Hospital with several severe wounds in the face.

Judge PEABODY yesterday granted a preliminary injunction against the Mechanics' Banking Association in a suit brought by CHARLES P. RANDOLPH, a depositor in the Bank. The injunction restrains the Bank or its agents from paying out, transferring, or delivering to any persons any of its money, property or effects. An order requiring the defendants to show cause this morning why a RECEIVER should not be appointed to take charge of the property of the Bank was also granted.

Numerous Conventions are conducted with business-like activity. A vessel with railroad iron from Newport-in-Wales, entered with two cases of small pox. They were promptly detected. An emigrant ship arriving yesterday affected 18 cases of small-pox; but were excellently removed, the rest of the passengers being detained and vaccinated. The iron now for burning bedding in the Bay, works admirably, a great advance on the old plan of throwing bedding overboard, to be picked up by unscrupulous persons, and resold next day in the City.

The Commissioners of Central Park met yesterday; Mr. GRAY offered the following resolution: That the Chief-Engineer be requested to report to this Board, at the next meeting, when the surveys of the Park will be completed; and if, in his opinion, an additional corps of engineers are necessary to complete the same by Nov. 1.

The steamship *Adriatic* will not leave for Europe on the 12th, as advertised, on account of delays which have occurred in getting her into the Balance-dock to clean her copper. Her machinery is now pronounced complete. Some twenty different concerns have been employed day and night for two months; upon the construction of her engine, all of which, Mr. COLLINS says, has been done in the most satisfactory manner.

The clerks appointed by DEVLIN while he occupied the Street Commissioner's Office, have recovered in a suit brought against the City by them for compensation for their services. The case was argued before Justice O'CONNOR, in the Second District Court, on Tuesday, Corporation Counsel BUSTEED for the defendants, and judgment rendered for the plaintiffs.

The Board of Education met last evening. Two communications were received from the school officers of the Twentieth Ward asking for an appropriation of $5,302, to furnish the new school in Twenty-eighth street near Ninth-avenue. Referred to the Committee on School Furniture. Also from school officers of the Twelfth Ward, for an appropriation of $2,897, to furnish the school-house at Hunter's which has been undergoing extensive alterations and repairs during the vacation. The appropriation was granted. A resolution was adopted in favor of paying WM. SINCLAIR, JR., son of the Commissioner of the Sixth Ward, the sum of $550 for one year's services as assistant teacher in the Sixth Ward school, No. 22, although appointed in direct violation of article 8, sect. 1, of the by-laws of the Board of Education, which provides that no teacher shall be employed who is within four degrees of relationship to any school officer, who is entitled to act upon the question of the payment of such teachers. A resolution was adopted directing the President to appoint a Committee of three gentlemen and two ladies, Principals of Grammar Schools, to prepare a memorial of instruction and discipline for the public schools of New-York. Resolutions were adopted making appropriations as follows: for teacher's salaries, $75,000; books, etc., $10,000; normal schools, $2,500; evening schools, $10,000.

The Underwriters received yesterday afternoon encouraging news from their agent at the *Rosario Sprague*. The cargo was all out between decks, and the ship had been hauled astern once her length during the morning tide. He ordered a steamtug to be sent down immediately to assist in pulling on the ship, and to tow her to the City when she gets afloat. The *W. H. Webb* was dispatched to her assistance, and if the weather continued as favorable as it has been for a few days past, it was thought that the ship would be got off at last night's tide. The *Clara Brookman* and *Charles Albert* are, no doubt, a total loss. No later information had been received from the latter vessel up to yesterday, on account, we suppose, of some interruption of the telegraph to Squan.

Nothing occurred to get excited about in Wall-street yesterday, and nobody was apparently much excited. Although the Mechanics' Banking Association did not resume payment, its settlements at No. 38 Wall-street were open during banking hours, and the officers of the institution were at their posts. Of course, a great business was done in the note-protesting line.

The statement of some of our contemporaries to the effect that Mr. VAN BLARCOM was at his desk as usual, in the employment of the Banking Company, was incorrect. He has been cashiered, and will be compelled to seek some other means of obtaining a livelihood hereafter. His financial position, like his place of residence, is not "above Bleecker." He is not wealthy, and has a large family. His two sons are clerks in banks down town. Men who had frequently transacted business with Mr. VAN BLARCOM say he has less of their sympathy in his present distressing situation, because of his brusque, and sometimes even rude manners to those with whom he has been brought in contact. The amount of the defalcation was altogether $78,000, instead of $65,000, as was at first stated.

The Genoese brig *San Michaele*, which was lately seized for smuggling, is in a fair way of being condemned. Her case comes up on Tuesday in the District Court. The Captain and Mate have run away to escape consequence, and the crew have shipped and sailed for Genoa on board the brig *San Juan*. This is the third Genoese vessel in two years that has been seized for violation of the Revenue laws.

The statement that the President had commuted the punishment of JOHN SMITH (*of the Franklin Pierce* tragedy) was premature, as neither the District-Attorney, the Brazilian Minister, nor either of the philanthropic ladies and others who have interested themselves in his behalf have received any information of the fact.

The Seventh Regiment (National Guard) drilled by moonlight in Lafayette-place last night. The line was formed shortly after 9 o'clock. The Regiment went through its military manœuvres, with its usual *éclat*, and was very much applauded by the bystanders, of whom there were a host. The firing (with caps only on their muskets) was done with excellent precision. The sound of each volley—they fired by companies—seemed like the crack of a single discharge.

Between noon and 1 P. M. yesterday, the boiler attached to a pile-driving machine in use at the end of Hamilton Avenue, in Gowanus Bay, Brooklyn, exploded, killing THOMAS MCGAVENEY instantly, and seriously injuring THOMAS HENRY, both employed about the pile-driver. Just before the explosion, the Engineer left the engine to go a short distance. He says that the boiler was plentifully supplied with water, and that there was a head of 50 pounds of steam on. The explanation of the explosion is that the boiler was an old one and not fit to be used. By the explosion, about two-thirds of the boiler was thrown into the water a distance of 75 feet, and the remaining portion carried away the machinery and landed in the scow at the foot of the uprights to the pile-driver. Mr. GAVENY was sitting on the boiler eating his dinner at the time of the explosion. His body was shockingly mangled. The remains were gathered up and taken to his late residence on Thirty-sixth-st., New-York, where we learn he leaves a family. Deceased was 40 years old. HENRY was injured externally and internally by the steam. He was taken to the Brooklyn City Hospital for treatment.

Counterfeit 5's on the Housatonic Bank, Mass. Merchant's Exchange Bank, Bridgeport, Conn., and Boylston Bank, Boston, are circulating in Brooklyn.

The Democratic General Committee (WILSON SMITH, Chairman) held a meeting at Tammany Hall last evening to hear the report of the Union Conference Committee appointed at a previous meeting. The Committee announced that they were not yet ready to report—that the

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Nothing could be necessary to publish the affair. They were accordingly allowed another day for the purpose, and the meeting adjourned till this evening to hear the result.

The case of Mrs. CUNNINGHAM was continued yesterday before Judge PEABODY. When the Court opened the Judge said he had not been able to give the motion to dismiss the indictment much consideration. He had considered to deny the motion to dismiss for the present, reserving the right to reverse his decision if he should arrive at a different conclusion after additional consideration. He desired that the argument on bail should be proceeded with. Mr. STANFORD argued as before Judge DALY. Mr. HALL commenced his rejoinder, and will conclude it to-day.

At the Academy of Medicine, last evening, nothing was done of importance. Dr. GRISCOM read a report on Dr. REED's (of Illinois) respecting meat diseased by the milk sickness of the West, which elicited some discussion. Dr. HORACE GREEN read an elaborate paper on "Lesions of the Epigastria. Dr. EDWARD PARKER presented some resolutions respecting Dr. MARSHALL HALL, whose death was announced by the last European arrival. Not a word was said about expelling Drs. UHL and CATLIN.

An infuriated bull created great amusement for the idle, some fears for the timid, and was really the source of some danger to pedestrians in Second-avenue yesterday. He occupied seven-eighths of the street for the principal part of the afternoon.

The Great Failure.

Of all the failures which have disturbed and excited the community during the last ten days, the greatest and we trust the last, occurred yesterday, in the recoil of the Panic-manufacturers from the steady front presented by most of the Banks, and by the great business world outside the agitated circles of Wall-street.

The serious damage which might have been done to all American securities and to American credits abroad by a failure on the part of the Erie Railroad Company to meet their obligations falling due this week, was happily averted by a display of singular financial ability on the part of the President of that road, Mr. CHARLES MORAN, and by an exhibition of intelligent courage on the part of some of the leading Banks of the City, and a very heavy blow was thus administered to the enemies of the public peace, who had doubtless counted upon a successful issue of their appeals to the unreasoning fears of the financial classes and had looked to the first of September and to the Erie as the Waterloo of Wall-street.

As the investigation of the affairs of the Ohio Life and Trust Company advances it becomes more and more apparent that the failure of that institution was the result of endemic disorders, and was not brought about by any epidemic unsoundness in the moneyed world.

The same is true of the Mechanics' Banking Association, and that ill-omened journal, the *Herald*, while making its best beat of that disaster, is forced to admit that the only serious danger which threatens or threatened our City Banks is "from depositors getting alarmed." This sufficiently accounts for the frantic efforts which the same journal makes to "alarm depositors," while the failure of these efforts is traceable to the influence of common sense over the business transactions of the City, the Banks showing yesterday a specie account largely increased over their exhibit of Monday, and people in general having begun to reflect that as the depositors of the Banks are also the chief debtors of the Banks, it is clearly not their interest to precipitate their own ruin by the ruin of these institutions! Under our new Banking system, with its pledged securities, and the general control to which all the Banks are alike subjected, nothing is easier than to ascertain the relative soundness and strength of different banks; and the only policy, therefore, which can be safely pursued by the Banks, and by the public with whom they deal, in emergencies like the present, is a policy of reciprocal confidence, forbearance and assistance—such a policy as was adopted by the great Hindoo merchant, DWARKANAUTH TAGORE, during the difficulties of 1837-38, when he came forward, on hearing that the Bank of Calcutta was threatened, and trebled his deposits in one day, thereby saving not only his own affairs, but those of the whole business community, from inextricable confusion and irremediable disaster.

Further inquiry into the origin of that excessive depreciation in the value of all railway securities to which the disasters of the moment are not exclusively, yet so largely attributable, will reveal, we think, a state of things which is very far from warranting the steps which have been taken to produce an almost universal distrust and despondency in regard to that particular kind of property.

To compare the "railway panic" of America in the present year with the "railway ruin" of England ten years ago, is to make a very serious blunder. The revulsion in English railway values was brought about in a very large measure by the throwing upon the market of shares which represented no sort of property whatever, shares of stock in railways granted but never commenced—"railways to the moon"—in short, a process not at all analogous with the "over-issues" to which so much of our trouble may be traced. Again, there was sunk in the original art of construction of many English railways vast sums of money, which, having been extravagantly spent *en masse*, could never be recovered, while a very large proportion of the losses which have interfered with the profitable working of many of our roads, may be traced directly to the *uneconomical and wasteful management of the roads*, resulting partly from ignorance of the best methods of running the trains, partly from neglect on the part of the financial authorities, and partly from an unduly competitive spirit, which has led to the putting down of the tariff of the roads below a paying point. The Convention of railway men now in session in this City will doubtless develope not only astonishing revelations of the ignorance and recklessness of the past, but also the results of the world's railway experience, in such a shape as may lead to practical reforms. With calm and efficient examination into the causes of the existing difficulties to rule the temper of the hour, and with the certainty of a magnificent harvest and of a general condition of prosperity beyond precedent before us, to measure our hopes, there can be no good reason given for the gloomy anticipations of the hour, and no justification found for the general disturbance of the usual prosperous of mill owners, etc. The causes of our disease are within our ken; the

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DR. MARTIN P. [illegible] says:

"A great indignation is expressed among all classes of people at those journals which continue to publish reports of approaching failures and panics. It has been proposed to call a meeting of merchants at the Exchange to give public expression to the universal feeling on this subject."

If the merchants wish to do the very thing which would gratify "those journals," beyond expression, let them, by all means, call an indignation meeting at the Exchange to denounce the disseminators of idle rumors and passing reports. It would be a splendid way of advertising the mischief and giving weight and dignity to the Penny and Parlor Vein organs. The merchants have doubtless got their hands free, just now, and the better way of allaying all existing and unfounded rumors will be for them to attend to their own individual business, and let "those journals" alone. The journals in question may have great influence among chambermaids in want of situations; but their power of mischief is limited to a very small circle. To call an indignation meeting at the Exchange to denounce the unprincipled papers which publish alarming reports of a financial crisis, for the sake of selling a dozen or two extra copies, would be about as sensible a move as it would to call a meeting of citizens in the Park to denounce the little boys who raise false alarms of fire.

ATTACK ON THE BRITISH ARISTOCRACY.—The *Tribune*, yesterday, devoted a leader to the immoralities of the British Aristocracy, based on a wicked attempt on the part of a clergyman to put a painted window in his church to the memory of a deceased lady. But the *Tribune* mixed strange work of it, in mixing up the living with the dead. Our indignant cotemporary says:

"Now the late Countess of HARRINGTON was the celebrated MARIA FOOTE, the actress, famous for her beauty and her gallantry, and especially for her long [illegible] with Colonel ROBERTS, now Earl ROBERTS-town," &c., &c.

It is a pity that so much virtuous objurgation should be wasted, as the *Tribune* bestows upon the "late Countess," &c. But the *Tribune* is in the habit of doing such things. The celebrated MARIA FOOTE, of Earl-Harrington-and-Pen-Cynon-Hague notoriety, is the present Dowager-Countess of HARRINGTON, and is not dead at all. The "memorial window," which has so excited the wrath of our virtuous cotemporary, must be intended for some other Countess of Harrington, of a more sanctified memory. The British Aristocracy are bad enough, we dare say, but it is not quite the thing to accuse them of canonizing such unsaintlike ladies as the celebrated MARIA FOOTE, by putting up memorial windows in their honor in holy places.

REMARKABLE RUN OF BAD LUCK.—A down-town merchant received a remittance from one of his correspondents, in the shape of a draft on the Ohio Life and Trust Company for $3,000, on the very day on which that institution closed its doors. He immediately telegraphed the fact to his debtor, who sent him another draft on JAMES THOMPSON, which arrived the day after the failure of that broker; the merchant again telegraphed the failure, and received in a few days another draft on ARWOOD & Co., just as that firm suspended.

Laura Keene's Theatre.

If any evidence were wanted of Miss KEENE's tact in management, it was certainly afforded on Tuesday night in the selection of two pieces so entirely opposite in their merits as "Angeline" and "A Conjugal Lesson" for first performances on the same night. Nothing in the world ever needed to be propped up with something stronger than "Angeline," a one-act farce of the most dismal French school, destitute alike of literary and constructive merits. The only reason which we can imagine for its production is, that it afford Miss KEENE an opportunity of speaking a broken French dialect. When we say that Miss KEENE is not happy in this attempt, we have expended all the criticism that the piece merits, and shall say no more.

If the audience were disposed to be a little cross (and it is a noticeable fact that they were), they partly forgot the cause in the excessive mirth occasioned by the propounding of "A Conjugal Lesson"—a double title of the Gentle Instructress kind. In it there are but two characters sustained by Miss LAURA KEENE and Mr. JEFFERSON; the former a coquette, with the latter a husband who detests the club and the small hours of the morning. The piece exhibits, in an amusing way, the drunken remonstrance of the spouse, and the vexation of the wife, ending in suspicion and jealousy on both parts. The latter passion is aroused by the countenance of Mr. Lullaby, returning from the club with a coat which does not belong to him. His wife examines the pockets, as it is rumored, wives sometimes do. She finds a pocket-book, a handkerchief and a pair of gay gloves, with con existing her suspicions; but, presently she fishes out a neat little billet from a devastating ballet dancer, at which discovery she rushes from the room in an agony. Mr. Lullaby is aroused from his slumbers somewhat sobered, and in his turn comes upon the pocket-book, &c., which he immediately suppose have been hastily abandoned by some destroyer of his domestic happiness. The scene between the two which ensues is very amusing, and terminates, of course, with a satisfactory explanation. There is a slight underplot that adds to the interest of the piece.

"A Conjugal Lesson" is in every sense a screaming comicality. It affords the widest scope for Mr. JEFFERSON's comic powers, and he exercises them with such hearty good will last night that the house was in a constant roar. He is without doubt the best low comedian in this City; neat, thorough, painstaking, yet con pietely abandoned, and at his ease. To Mr. JEFFERSON and Miss KEENE the piece owes its great success, although, in a literary point of view, there is much human nature to recommend it to the kindly appreciation of the audience. It will become a standard dish of merriment at this handsome and merry little house.

Wallack's Theatre.

This favorite place of amusement opens for the Winter campaign to-night. BOUCICAULT's comedy of "London Assurance" will be played with a cast which can never be surpassed, and may never be equalled. It is decidedly a dramatic treat.

Personal.

Among the passengers at this port, yesterday, by the *Vanderbilt*, from Southampton, were the family of Commodore VANDERBILT, Rev. R. R. COOK, formerly Secretary of the Tract Society, and Rev. Frederick MONOD. Mr. MONOD will remain in the United States several months.

VIOLATION OF THE EXCISE LAW.—HENRY PHILBRICK, Mr. STEPHEN DUKE, of Brewster's Station, Putnam County, was fined $100 on Monday, for selling liquor without a license. The counsel demurred to the indictment, and the case has been carried to the Supreme Court.

SUSPICIOUS AND SUDDEN DEATH.—ANTHONY P. WILSON, a sailor, was found about 1½ o'clock this (Wednesday) morning, on the sidewalk in Chatham-square, New-Orleans, his person bearing evidence of violence. A gang of ruffians were supposed to have committed the deed. He was conveyed to the Seventh Precinct Station-house, by Officer SCHWARTZ, when Dr. [illegible] was summoned, and declared his immediate death. The deceased was then conveyed to his lodgings in the Fifth Precinct Station-house, No. 56 Gravier-st. An inquest will be held.

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THE RAILROAD ASSOCIATION.

[Second Report.]

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Committee of Presidents, Superintendents and other officers, met this morning, and held their first meeting, at the room of the American Institute, No. 351 Broadway, immediately after the adjournment of their session, at 10½ o'clock. After the usual preliminary proceedings, the Business Committee reported the order of business for the day.

The Committee appointed to submit a Constitution for the Association, then presented their report, which was read by the Secretary, as follows:

ARTICLE 1. Whereas it is desirable and expedient to form an Association for the improvement of railway machinery, by means of practical experiments, by competitive trials, and by comparison of various systems of the different railroads in the United States, parts of the objects of this Association, to be called the "American Association for the Improvement of Railway Machinery."

ART. 2. The Association shall have for its objects the conducting of actual practical experiments with, and trials of, railroad machinery; and all railroad implements, especially carried into practical operation, the collection of all information relating to such improvements and machinery, and the publication of such results and information for the general use of the railroads.

ART. 3. The members of this Association shall comprise any railroad companies of the United States, who may become associated, and such individuals as may be interested in the objects of the Association.

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On the reading of the fourth article a little discussion arose. Mr. ROSS WINANS moved that it be amended so as to consist of an increase of members. Carried. The number was afterwards fixed at 21.

The reading of papers was next in order. The first paper read was one prepared by Mr. HOLLEY, the Secretary, on the construction of road in the Donegal belief. It elicited considerable discussion. A motion was made and carried, to have the paper filed and placed in the archives of the Association. It was an exceedingly well written article, and was well deserving of the honors paid to it.

Mr. SAMUEL COLEMAN next read a paper on machine tools.

It is generally agreed, he said, that heavy tools, having steel gears and well finished parts, are the cheapest for railroad use. Upon this conviction, all the tools now referred to were built, without regard to saving weight. It was also considered that the best distribution of the material would be to put the most cost in the wearing parts. Upon this principle, the tools were made as heavy as the lightest part of each would admit of, without exposing it to any unusual strain ever likely to be brought upon it. Whether that strength are not apt to be mistaken for endurance, that in saying the tools under notice are fit for use as a class, built in the United States for a given class of work, it must be added, that they are intended to be among the very best in proportion. Whether this end is accomplished, their use alone must prove.

In this connection, he invited attention to the establishment of SELLERS & CO., of Philadelphia, where these tools are manufactured. All the castings were made from carefully tested American iron, giving from 15,000 to 20,000 pounds cohesive strength per square inch. The castings are all made in iron flasks, the flasks being made in several pieces, so that the moulds may be strengthened, as the founders say, and the sand packed equally in all places. Thus the mould has a uniform density, and the casting has no swells. While practical men must naturally differ in opinion as to the details of construction, it is believed that all are agreed as to the good policy in the selection of accurate, well-made machine tools, and of such weight as shall insure permanency and absolute steadiness under the heaviest work.

Another paper, by Mr. COLBURN, on BALDWIN'S engineering workshops, in which low speed on railroads was strongly urged.

The evil effects of high and low speeds, Mr. COLBURN said, are forming the subject of much investigation, and are being ascertained. There is, perhaps, no way to be found which can better illustrate the effect of slow speed in counteracting the effects of steep grades, short curves and heavy engines, than the Northern trunk of the Virginia Central Railroad. The President of that road writes as follows:

On that trunk the grades are as high as 200 feet to the mile, the maximum curvature 300 feet radius, and the weight of the engines from 26 to 27 tons, used entirely for freight. There are constant three causes operating to produce destruction to the rails. Steep grades, short curves and heavy machines, and, nevertheless the amount of injury is counterbalanced by the slow speed; say six miles to the hour. Recently about one mile of this track was torn up and relaid with steel rails in use with a twenty heavy passenger engine, during which time only six rails had been taken out, under a system of repairing with great care, and all the rails taken up were in good order or value.

On other parts of the road, with grades of 66 feet per mile, short curvature and machines not exceeding 16 tons, the wear and tear, under a speed of 20 miles, is 3,000 per cent greater. This result confirms the opinion of nearly every Civil Engineer, and of many practical men, that in being very generally conducted thus the injury of trade by passing trains is on the square of the speed; that a speed of 40 miles per hour does not do twice the damage to the road that is done by a speed of ten miles per hour.

So, too, a given tonnage may be carried over a road in heavier and fewer trains, with the same engines working at slow speed, than at high speed. On the Reading and other coal roads, trains of an average weight of 700 tons are carried regularly at speeds of ten miles an hour; whereas, at twenty miles an hour, the joint hauled would be far less as well as the injury to track much greater.

On the Lehigh Valley Road, 46 miles long, a single engine hauled down, in the month of July, 14,000 tons of coal, exclusive of the cars, and carried back an average of 6425 empty cars daily. These results can only be attained at slow speeds.

In illustration of the comparatively little injury carried to the track by slow speeds, the cases of wrought iron rails may be mentioned. All the works of the Birkenhead Ironmaster, in England, were carrying ten tons of pigs on a rigid platform unsupported by springs, four times per day, for seven years on wooden rails. Some cases, at slow speed, with comparatively little injury to the wood. The same thing was proved with steel rails formerly loaded, at the works at the bottom of Erie Basin. The rails were maple joist, and stood the strain with remarkably little wear. The comparatively small number of city horse roads over which many hundred thousand tons pass annually, is also in argument as to the economy of slow speed.

For freight, therefore, such as can be accommodated with moderate speeds, it is submitted that the adaptation of engines of motive power consisting of all or nearly all the adhesion of an engine working at from eight to twelve miles per hour, is more economical, not only in the actual power required to move the train, but in its effects on the track and in its own wear.

After the reading of this paper the Association adjourned for one hour, and met again at 2½ o'clock, when Mr. WARNER moved, and Mr. BOARDMAN seconded, to increase the number of the Board of Managers to 21. A Committee, consisting of Messrs. HEARTT, COLEMAN and WINANS, was appointed by the Chair to make the nominations. Mr. COLEMAN said he would not serve. The Chairman put it to the vote of the meeting, whether he should serve. The meeting voted aye. Mr. COLEMAN then said he would leave the Association. Mr. HEARTT moved to reconsider the vote. The Chairman put it again to the vote of the meeting whether Mr. COLEMAN should serve. The meeting voted No. So Mr. COLEMAN did not serve, and did not quit the Association. Mr. REID was chosen in his stead. The Committee then appointed now retired the following officers, who, after some debate, were appointed by the Committee as the Board of Managers for the ensuing year:

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H. V. Poor, Editor Railroad Journal.
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M. H. Pounds, Locomotive Superintendent New-York and Harlem.
Joseph E. Moor, Superintendent of Pittsburg, Wayne and Chicago R. R.
John O. Stearns, Superintendent of Central R. R., New Jersey.

Mr. MARSHALL, from Manassas Gap, Virginia, then read a very interesting paper on brakes on railroads, in which he described a newly invented machine, which would place the power of applying the brakes into the Engineer's hand, and materially increase the safety of human life. Referred to the Board of Managers.

The Secretary offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Managers take immediate action in relation to the arrangement of a national trial of locomotives and railroad machinery, to occur on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad (already offered for the purpose,) on May 1, 1857. Adopted.

The Association then adjourned to this morning at 11 o'clock.

THE RICHMOND PRESBYTERIAN CONVENTION.

Arguments for a Re-union with the Old School.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times:

RICHMOND, Va., Saturday, Aug. 29, 1857.

This morning the Convention began at an early hour to transact important business. The preamble and resolutions presented last evening by the Business Committee, of which Dr. BOYD is Chairman, were taken up as the first order of the day, and discussed seriatim. The Convention, in the early part of the discussion, went into Committee of the Whole. But as new members arrived from a distance, during the sitting of the House in Committee, a motion was made that the Committee rise and resolve itself again into Convention, in order to receive the delegates; and the House refused to return itself again into a Committee, and the subsequent discussion was had in Convention and not in Committee.

THE FIRST RESOLUTION.

The first resolution was read by the Clerk as follows:

Resolved, That we recommend to the Presbyteries in Convention with the New School General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church to withdraw from said body.

Rev. G. W. LEYBURN, of Tennessee, moved to strike out "New School."

Dr. BOYD had no objection.

Dr. LEACH hoped it would be stricken out.

Dr. CONVERSE, of Philadelphia, suggested the words "*frequently designated as New School.*"

Dr. BOYD had no objection to that change.

Dr. LEACH said that it did not become the Convention to appropriate to themselves the term "New School." The term did not belong to them. It was first given as an epithet of reproach. He remembered the first time it was used in the General Assembly. It was used by a venerable father, in a tone of great bitterness, and slanderously.

Dr. ROSS said that the name "New School," whatever may have been its origin, had become an honored name. We are, said he, the "New School," and *we have made it a noble name; and it has made us famous*, just as hard cider and the log cabin made Gen. HARRISON famous.

The phrase "New School" was then stricken out. This motion, however, was immediately reconsidered, and the discussion went on again.

Dr. ROSS said that if the motion had been suffered to stand as it was passed, it would have implied that the Convention were all virtually going over to the Old School.

Dr. MCLAIN, of Mississippi, moved as an amendment the phrase, "*The Constitutional Presbyterian Church.*"

The amendment, however, was not entertained.

Dr. ROSS, who was tenacious of this point, spoke again. *He said that "New School"* had become a time-honored name. Let it stand. He claimed it; *he demanded it. Strike out that name*, and they would all go over to the Old School. That was a noble and glorious body, but he was not yet prepared to join it.

Dr. LEACH, of Tennessee, objected again to the phrase as a by-word and as a term of reproach, which had no legitimate place in the resolution.

Rev. Mr. MARSHALL, of West Tennessee, thought that a great deal of time was being spent over a very unimportant matter. He proposed to save time, to compromise the matter by saying "*so-called New School.*"

Dr. LEACH replied, "No, Sir!"

Dr. MCDERMON sustained the motion to strike out. He was opposed altogether to the use of the word He had no objection, however, to the "Constitutional Presbyterian Church."

Rev. Mr. LEYBURN removed Mr. MARSHALL'S suggestion, that as the house was consuming precious time, a compromise might remove the difficulty.

Mr. SHILLINGFORD, a lay member from Philadelphia, took an opportunity to give his views on the subject, as a Philadelphian. He had not come to the Convention as a Northern man, as a Southern man, as an Eastern man, nor as a Western man. He had come as one of those floating members of the Church of Christ, who were *set adrift last May* in Cleveland. In the section of the Church from which he came, he predicted that there was to be a great conflict: and he had come to represent a strong and deep and mighty feeling that is developing itself in Philadelphia on the Southern side of this controversy. He had come to represent men of influence, men of talent, men of wealth. He asked the Convention to act upon every subject, upon every resolution, upon every word of the Report of the Committee with great care and deliberation, so as to clothe him, when he returned, with as much power and influence by the action of the Convention as was possible in the nature of the case; so that, when he went back to Philadelphia to meet the enemy, he might feel the strength of this Convention at his back: *aiding and supporting him; so that he might be able* to meet the question fairly, face to face, with the enemies of the truth. *He hoped* that no action would be taken which would leave a loop-hole for Presbyteries or Churches, or members, to dodge through. He hoped that no technicality might be offered to the enemy, to be taken advantage of by them. For these reasons he was opposed to keeping in the term "New-School." He said that when these resolutions should go forth, addressed to the *New-School*, they might be dodged by all the Presbyteries and Churches in the entire North, as themselves not being "New-School," and refusing to be called by the name. The Church and the General Assembly had always been known as the "General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America." He asked the Convention to use that title, instead of "New-School." He was a New-School man, and he gloried in being known as a New-School man. Yet he did not wish to act in an official capacity as a New-School man.

Rev. A. C. DICKERSON, of Kentucky, offered the suggestion that the words might be something like these: "That we recommend to the Presbyteries that sympathise with the objects of this Convention to withdraw from their present ecclesiastical relations."

Mr. T. R. TUCKER, of Virginia, said that if these Presbyteries were recommended to withdraw from their present ecclesiastical relations, it might be construed into a recommendation to withdraw from the present Convention.

The discussion on the resolution was then closed and the question, on being put to vote, was decided in favor of retaining "New-School."

The second resolution was then read:

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Convention, nothing can be made the basis for discipline in the Presbyterian Church which is not specifically referred to in the constitution as crime or heresy.

Rev. Mr. MCLEAN, of Mobile, did not understand the scope of the word "specifically." He asked the Chairman of the Committee to explain. He hoped that the words "or implicitly" might be added.

Dr. HOYT, Chairman of the Committee, and the author of the resolutions, said that "implicitly" is a dangerous word. He would explain his views of the subject the member from Mobile had suggested. It was a subject which he had had occasion to go over before, in another place. When he was a member of the General Assembly's Committee on the "Constitutional Powers of the General Assembly in Relation to Slavery," he was appointed to consider whether the Assembly could, consistently with the Constitution, declare that certain acts, not specifically referred to in the Book of Discipline, should rank as such, specifically referred to in the Confession of Faith. Rev. ALEXANDER [illegible], who was also of that Committee, made a similar suggestion to the one just then made. It was, to use the phrase, "or by clear implication." But if this principle were thrown aside, that certain things not mentioned in the book may be implied to be "crimes" or "heresies," since the Anti-Slavery men in the last General Assembly would have had some special ground for their opposition; for they took the ground that the term "oppression," as contained in the Confession of Faith, and by implication in the Book of Discipline, therefore, have been legitimately made a matter of discipline by the Church. He said, in case that if this principle of strict construction were thrown aside, every man's opinion might be summoned to the bar on a charge of "heresy." It would not do, therefore, to use the word "impliedly."

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Mr. TUCKER said: *If that motion is to be put as a test question, I do not know that I could have a more appropriate occasion to submit the views which I entertain* on this great subject. I appear in a Church body, for the first time in my life as a participant in its debates. There are brethren here whose age show to me that they have belonged to that branch of the Church known as "Old School." I never have. My first connection with any Church was with the "New School." Mr. T., after briefly alluding to the circumstances which had led to the assembling of the Convention, said that he was reminded more and more of the almost semiclerical tones of the great South Carolina statesman, who remarked, in a conversation with Mr. T., a few weeks before his death: "The cords which bind the Union together are snapping asunder by the severance of these ecclesiastical unions." Mr. T. bespoke a careful reading of the resolutions, which were now printed. They propose that Commissioners shall meet at Knoxville. For what? For the purpose, distinctly avowed and advocated, of organizing a new and permanent body. Gentlemen say it is not to be sectional—not for the South exclusively—but will it not be controlled by Southern influence? He had no jealousy about the word South. If Northern men will consent to stand upon a Southern platform, let them come; he would not budge an inch.

I know what I say, when I state that there are hearts in this body that would rejoice if there could be an honorable reunion with the Old School brethren. [A voice—"Amen." "Amen" I hear, and "Amen" I say, from the bottom of my heart.]

It could not have been the design of the Committee to insist upon the "United Synod"—a body which might be as ephemeral as this Convention. What then? Is it the purpose of the Committee to widen the gulf which separates us from our Old School brethren? If that be the purpose, I am opposed to the resolution from beginning to end. Is it right to maintain a permanent disagreement with the Old School brethren, or, on the other hand, is it right to bring about an honorable union with them? I hold that the ultimate end of Christianity is the unity of the Church. The spirit of the Church is union—the spirit of the Devil is schism. The unity of the Church is the agent for the conversion of the world, and I would never lay arm from my body before I would strike a blow at the integrity of the Church. The more you divide the less consecrated becomes the energy of the Church, and its power to redeem a sin-stricken world is necessarily weakened.

Mr. T. argued that there was no incongruity in his proposition. He did not propose to "bring the ox and the horse together," as expression reads. The last resolution of the series embraced a declaration of faith, and is there, he asked, any "Old-School" man who will disagree with you on that? Is it not common ground? Then, if the unity of the Church be desirable, why cannot we come together? "What God has united, let no man put asunder!" The leading objection to the union is that the two bodies could not agree upon certain antiquated resolutions passed in 1818. *Had he been in the Assembly, at that time,* he would have denounced those resolutions as unconstitutional; but is the question never to cease, the sore never to heal? Is there to be no end of the strife?

I understand, said Mr. T., the action of the New-School brethren at that time. *They don't secede.* I believe the "shoe pinched" them, and they did as the Virginians did in the beginning of the Revolution. When the Boston Port bill was passed, Virginia said: "We are all friends here together, and we will join Massachusetts." She did join hands, and entered into the bold struggle, but what has she got? She has had abuse heaped upon her, just as our brethren find themselves abused by those with whom they officiated.

Mr. T. contended that the action now proposed by the Committee was analogous to the action of the Assembly of '57. It was revolutionary. The Presbyteries under the care of the Cleveland Assembly are recommended to withdraw; the clergy are to resist against their manifesto. It would render the Convention not only guilty of treason, but of the subornation of treason, if there can be any such a term. Mr. T. said that if the basis of the union with the O. S. brethren required the sacrifice of a single principle, he would raise the flag of dissolution higher than the house; but it was not so. Each church had adopted the same books, each professed the same faith, and had the same form of government. Was it not the duty, then, of this Convention to say, "we and our differences and come together on a common platform!"

There is another reason why the two churches should coalesce. If there is to be a new organization, baptized with a new name, it will be a widening of the chasm. I would bridge the gulf. My sympathies are with the N. S., but I love them both. It is contemplated, that the schisms of reunion is not practicable. I ask the consequence is inevitable. It organizes a separate Church, or rather, is it practicable to make it, when organized, an efficient aggressive body? Can it do anything to advance the cause of the Redeemer?

No church can ever grow strong that is opposed to the very nature of it. I don't speak against the currency because I own it, but if you extend to it the power of a national bank, you ruin it. Money. You must have money to sustain your theological seminaries, organs must send forth your periodical literature, colporteurs must go into every corner of the North, where abolition sentiments would be tolerated, or if not, they must send them to the Old School communities which you repudiate. I was the committee to consider whether the Assembly could, consistently with the Constitution, declare that certain acts, not specifically referred to in the Book of Discipline, should rank as such, specifically referred to in the Confession of Faith. Rev. ALEXANDER [illegible], who was also of that Committee, made a similar suggestion to the one just then made. It was, to use the phrase, "or by clear implication." But if this principle were thrown aside, that certain things not mentioned in the book may be implied to be "crimes" or "heresies," since the Anti-Slavery men in the last General Assembly would have had some special ground for their opposition; for they took the ground that the term "oppression," as contained in the Confession of Faith, and by implication in the Book of Discipline, therefore, have been legitimately made a matter of discipline by the Church. He said, in case that if this principle of strict construction were thrown aside, every man's opinion might be summoned to the bar on a charge of "heresy." It would not do, therefore, to use the word "impliedly."

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It could not have been the design of the Committee to insist upon the "United Synod"—a body which might be as ephemeral as this Convention. What then? Is it the purpose of the Committee to widen the gulf which separates us from our Old School brethren? If that be the purpose, I am opposed to the resolution from beginning to end. Is it right to maintain a permanent disagreement with the Old School brethren, or, on the other hand, is it right to bring about an honorable union with them? I hold that the ultimate end of Christianity is the unity of the Church. The spirit of the Church is union—the spirit of the Devil is schism. The unity of the Church is the agent for the conversion of the world, and I would never lay arm from my body before I would strike a blow at the integrity of the Church. The more you divide the less consecrated becomes the energy of the Church, and its power to redeem a sin-stricken world is necessarily weakened.

Mr. T. argued that there was no incongruity in his proposition. He did not propose to "bring the ox and the horse together," as expression reads. The last resolution of the series embraced a declaration of faith, and is there, he asked, any "Old-School" man who will disagree with you on that? Is it not common ground? Then, if the unity of the Church be desirable, why cannot we come together? "What God has united, let no man put asunder!" The leading objection to the union is that the two bodies could not agree upon certain antiquated resolutions passed in 1818. *Had he been in the Assembly, at that time,* he would have denounced those resolutions as unconstitutional; but is the question never to cease, the sore never to heal? Is there to be no end of the strife?

I understand, said Mr. T., the action of the New-School brethren at that time. *They don't secede.* I believe the "shoe pinched" them, and they did as the Virginians did in the beginning of the Revolution. When the Boston Port bill was passed, Virginia said: "We are all friends here together, and we will join Massachusetts." She did join hands, and entered into the bold struggle, but what has she got? She has had abuse heaped upon her, just as our brethren find themselves abused by those with whom they officiated.

Mr. T. contended that the action now proposed by the Committee was analogous to the action of the Assembly of '57. It was revolutionary. The Presbyteries under the care of the Cleveland Assembly are recommended to withdraw; the clergy are to resist against their manifesto. It would render the Convention not only guilty of treason, but of the subornation of treason, if there can be any such a term. Mr. T. said that if the basis of the union with the O. S. brethren required the sacrifice of a single principle, he would raise the flag of dissolution higher than the house; but it was not so. Each church had adopted the same books, each professed the same faith, and had the same form of government. Was it not the duty, then, of this Convention to say, "we and our differences and come together on a common platform!"

There is another reason why the two churches should coalesce. If there is to be a new organization, baptized with a new name, it will be a widening of the chasm. I would bridge the gulf. My sympathies are with the N. S., but I love them both. It is contemplated, that the schisms of reunion is not practicable. I ask the consequence is inevitable. It organizes a separate Church, or rather, is it practicable to make it, when organized, an efficient aggressive body? Can it do anything to advance the cause of the Redeemer?

No church can ever grow strong that is opposed to the very nature of it. I don't speak against the currency because I own it, but if you extend to it the power of a national bank, you ruin it. Money. You must have money to sustain your theological seminaries, organs must send forth your periodical literature, colporteurs must go into every corner of the North, where abolition sentiments would be tolerated, or if not, they must send them to the Old School communities which you repudiate. I was the committee to consider whether the Assembly could, consistently with the Constitution, declare that certain acts, not specifically referred to in the Book of Discipline, should rank as such, specifically referred to in the Confession of Faith. Rev. ALEXANDER [illegible], who was also of that Committee, made a similar suggestion to the one just then made. It was, to use the phrase, "or by clear implication." But if this principle were thrown aside, that certain things not mentioned in the book may be implied to be "crimes" or "heresies," since the Anti-Slavery men in the last General Assembly would have had some special ground for their opposition; for they took the ground that the term "oppression," as contained in the Confession of Faith, and by implication in the Book of Discipline, therefore, have been legitimately made a matter of discipline by the Church. He said, in case that if this principle of strict construction were thrown aside, every man's opinion might be summoned to the bar on a charge of "heresy." It would not do, therefore, to use the word "impliedly."

Rev. Mr. ROGAN, of Tennessee, could not assent to that view. He wanted more light before he could see the thing in that shape. The Convention were not acting for themselves alone, but for the future. He thought that very many things might be deserving of discipline, which were not specifically mentioned in the book.

Rev. Mr. FLETCHER, also, could not take Dr. BOYD'S view. He believed that the Church could try a man on "clear implication."

Mr. CHAS. B. WILLIAMS, of Richmond, thought it would be as incongruous to join implication with "specification," as to join light with darkness.

Dr. CONVERSE, of Philadelphia, thought that all these difficulties had resulted in the agitations which had rent the Church on the subject of Slavery. He pointed to these as the dangerous consequences of such agitation. He was opposed to inserting "impliedly."

Rev. A. C. DICKERSON, of Kentucky, thought the question was one of vital importance. He said it would be throwing away every safeguard to put in the word "impliedly."

Rev. Mr. FLETCHER repeated his difficulties with the new view. He wanted to know if, for instance, under the head of "oppression," everything that could be tried as oppression was mentioned in the books, and whether if a thing clearly oppressive, though not mentioned as such, could be tried as such.

Mr. MCLAIN said that that was precisely the difficulty in his own mind. The State of Discipline necessarily deals in generals, and contains but few specifications.

Dr. NEWTON, of Mississippi, replied by saying that sheep stealing is not specifically referred to in the book, yet it would undoubtedly be tried for stealing sheep under the head of "theft." He was in favor of "specifically," without amendment.

Mr. ROSS said that a man could be tried for cock-fighting, under the head of "cruelty."

Rev. Mr. MITCHELL, of Lynchburg, said that the fathers of the Church in 1818 had passed a testimony against Slavery which they had no right to have. They declared that the system was a sinful one, and that it ought to be got rid of as soon as possible. They said it was the solemn duty of all Christian men to free themselves from it, and to seek its abolition throughout Christendom and throughout the world. He denied the right of that Assembly of 1818 to take the action which they did. They took it without authority from the book. They took it on the authority only of "implication," which should be no authority in the Presbyterian Church. The General Assembly has never had any right to make itself a great public opinion society. The things which it has a right to testify against are those only which are "specifically referred to."

Rev. Mr. ROGAN said that his doubts had not yet been removed. He moved the striking out of the entire resolution. The motion, however, was lost.

Rev. Mr. FLETCHER then moved to substitute for the phrase "specifically referred to," the single word "designated." This motion, also, was lost.

The resolution, as originally drawn, was then put to vote and carried.

The third resolution was then read by the Clerk, as follows:

Resolved, That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church has no power to pronounce sentence of condemnation on a lower judicatory or on individuals, for any cause, unless they have been brought before the Assembly in the way prescribed by the constitution.

A motion was made to adopt it, which was immediately carried without discussion or dissent.

The fourth resolution, which then came up in order, was the following:

Resolved, That the Convention recommend to all Presbyterian Churches, which are opposed to the agitation of Slavery in the highest judicatory of the Church to appoint delegates in the proportion prescribed by curtorm of government for the appointment of Commissioners to the Assembly to meet at Knoxville, Tenn., on the third Thursday in May, 1858, for the purpose of organizing a General Synod under the name of "The United Synod of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

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